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Leeds United captain Trevor Cherry (who is also featured on a booklet page inside) on the ball against Arsenal at Highbury. Also in the picture (from left): Tony Currie (Leeds), Jim Harvey, Malcolm Macdonald and Alan Sunderland (Arsenal).

EARLY SEASON SHOCKS AND SURPRISES

BIG-NAME TRANSFERS ON THEIR NEW CLUBS

PLENTY OF SHOCKS

It all happened so suddenly, so dramatically, so unexpectedly.

In late June, Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa were helping Argentina win the World Cup.

By mid-July — by way of a cloak-and-dagger Transatlantic dash by enterprising young manager Keith ("007") Burkenshaw; plus around three-quarters of a million quid — we heard the dynamic duo would soon be gracing the English First Division in Tottenham shirts.

That was the first big sensation of the season so far — and, ironically, Spurs were to figure largely in the second, too.

And that was in some of the weird and wonderful early scorelines. Especially so in the League Cup in which, by the first week in September, Spurs had become the eighth embarrassed First Division side to be unceremoniously dumped out of the competition by teams from the lower orders.

Tottenham, nonetheless, kicked-off well, with a promising 1-1 draw on the ground of League Champions Forest — who didn't!

In fact, after four League games, they still hadn't won — and that single goal remained their only one.

True, they won 4-2 in a League Cup replay against Oldham — but only after being held away by the Second Divisioners.

As it happened, better things were just around the corner — happily at last putting it altogether on the first day that Liverpool didn't — but little wonder manager Clough then remarked: "I'm extremely depressed about our form — we just don't seem to be believing in ourselves any more."

Yet Forest had looked good enough in swamping an admittedly below-strength Ipswich 5-0 in the Charity Shield a week before the season-proper opened — but, at least in early times, that



scoreline flattered only to deceive.

Did, for once, Cloughie boob? Peter Withe — scorer of one of those Wembley goals, and joint-top scorer in last season's League title campaign — was allowed to move on to Newcastle, without outside replacement.

After which the goals, and the points, tended to dry-up. Just coincidence maybe. Or, again, maybe not?

Or yet again — Cloughie being Cloughie — did he have something up his sleeve all the time?

That something — or, rather, someone — might well turn out to be 22-year-old Gary Birtles.

Young Gary may not have had the right "pedigree" for Euro play — a First Division debut only four days earlier, after a mere £2,000

After drawing 2-2 at Swansea, Spurs (light socks) were expected to progress in a League Cup replay but City won 3-1 at White Hart Lane.

cheque to buy him out of the obscurity of Midland League football — but he still scored one of the goals, and laid-on the other, by which Forest bounced-back to leave European Cup-holders Liverpool with a two-goal deficit to try and overcome at Anfield.

Maybe Forest weren't so Withe-out after all!

The £200,000 they got from Newcastle made the striker one of the seven six-figure transfers in August.

Mickey Walsh's £325,000 move from Blackpool to Everton was the costliest — but the £300,000 neigh-



It was team-to-watch Third Division Swansea — old Uncle Tommy Smith and all — who clobbered Spurs at home ... just four days after they'd been thumped 7-0 at Anfield.

Liverpool — even though they themselves experienced a shock hiccup by being K.O'd from the League Cup by Second Division Sheffield United — started their own season in devastating form.

Not that that fact in itself can be included in any catalogue of sensations! Even so, even by their own almost monotonous high-standards, they seemed to surpass themselves in the early days of 1978-79.

Everything, really, was climaxed in that Tottenham demolition-job — in which hardly a Liverpool pass went astray — that prompted even the normally taciturn Bob Paisley to comment afterwards: "We mustn't let it go to our heads — but our football today was frightening."

And to any future opponents of Liverpool watching the game — even by way of highlights on TV — it certainly was!

Ray Clemence (above) saves for Liverpool from Larry Lloyd of Forest. Forest won 2-0 in the European Cup first-leg. Pat Earles (below, hoops) scores the winning goal for Reading against Wolves in the League Cup.



AND SURPRISES!



Firm" bosses from Glasgow at that.

But Jock Wallace's move from last season's all-conquering Rangers to relegated Leicester was followed, not long after, by Jock Stein coming down from Celtic to fill the vacant hot-seat at Leeds.

The Northerners got off to a modest start which gave hints of better things to come — but Wallace could hardly have had a more depressing initiation in the Midlands.

For Leicester lacked a win in their first five games back in the Second Division — including two home defeats in the League, and another in the League Cup.

A sad start for Wallace — but a much sadder start for soccer as a whole was in the disciplinary record on the field.

With the season barely a month old, the pundits were already predicting — and, on early evidence,

not without justification — that 1978-79 would see an unwelcome new Football League record for "early-baths".

Not that behaviour (or lack of it) was restricted to the field-of-play.

And all credit to Brian Clough — love him or loathe him, no one could ever accuse that gutsy guy of moral cowardice — for his wholehearted attack on a vicious minority of Forest's own fans.

Last season, Cloughie tried the low-profile treatment with a huge, half-joke sign pleading: "No swearing please, gentlemen — Brian".

It seemed to work — for a bit. But, this season, Brian has seen fit to threaten sterner measures for the "gentlemen" — even, if necessary, to the extreme of closing the popular Trent end of the ground.

And, in days when money talks far too loudly for comfort, it takes a brave man of conscience to con-

template losing some 6,000 cash-customers every other week.

No such problems for Ron Greenwood.

Hence his first full international squad of 1978-79 was the mixture much as before — a tried-and-tested blend of youth and experience — indicating Greenwood feels he's basically got the mix just about right to build on.

And an interesting inclusion in his first Under-21 squad of the season was the name of a man who's won 105 full caps for England — and holds the world record of 70 consecutive international appearances.

No, Greenwood's astute mind wasn't for once wandering back to the past — but, if the NEW Billy Wright (1978 Everton vintage) eventually comes up with a tenth of the glory of his namesake, he won't have served England too badly!



Brian Clough (above) pledged to close the popular Trent End of the City Ground unless the Forest fans stopped swearing. Everton youngster Billy Wright (below) was drafted into the England Under-21 squad.



This table compares the goals scored in Football League matches — and the number of people who saw them scored — on the opening Saturdays of the past four seasons.

FIRST SATURDAY

19 August, 1978 (46 games) Goals: 124 (average 2.70) Gates: 617,135 (average 13,416)	20 August, 1977 (46 games) Goals: 136 (average 2.96) Gates: 584,279 (average 12,701)
21 August, 1976 (46 games) Goals: 113 (average 2.45) Gates: 629,817 (average 13,691)	16 August, 1975 (46 games) Goals: 101 (average 2.19) Gates: 555,805 (average 12,082)

SECOND SATURDAY

26 August, 1978 (43 games) Goals: 104 (average 2.42) Gates: 555,983 (average 12,930)	27 August, 1977 (42 games) Goals: 95 (average 2.26) Gates: 594,447 (average 14,153)
28 August, 1976 (44 games) Goals: 109 (average 2.47) Gates: 551,319 (average 12,529)	23 August, 1975 (44 games) Goals: 126 (average 2.86) Gates: 549,970 (average 12,499)

THIRD SATURDAY

2 September, 1978 (43 games) Goals: 108 (average 2.51) Gates: 564,003 (average 13,116)	3 September, 1977 (43 games) Goals: 114 (average 2.65) Gates: 490,710 (average 11,411)
4 September, 1976 (42 games) Goals: 108 (average 2.57) Gates: 572,947 (average 13,641)	30 August, 1975 (42 games) Goals: 105 (average 2.50) Gates: 523,535 (average 12,465)

FOURTH SATURDAY

9 September, 1978 (44 games) Goals: 103 (average 2.34) Gates: 545,291 (average 12,392)	10 September, 1977 (43 games) Goals: 113 (average 2.63) Gates: 563,438 (average 13,103)
11 September, 1976 (42 games) Goals: 128 (average 3.04) Gates: 526,837 (average 12,543)	6 September, 1975 (43 games) Goals: 104 (average 2.41) Gates: 519,695 (average 12,085)

bouring Liverpool paid Newcastle for Alan Kennedy seemed the most immediately successful.

But whether Liverpool lash out with huge cheques, or else pluck some unknown for a song out of the lower Divisions, they never seem to slip-up in the transfer mart.

Perhaps the most interesting transfer in August — following on the Argentinian imports by Spurs and Sheffield United the previous month — was that of Dutch international Arnold Muhren from Twente Enschede to Ipswich.

He could well have been joined over here by fellow-countryman, and World Cup Final skipper, Ruud Krol — but Ajax blocked a reputed near-£500,000 bid by Arsenal.

Yet, Liverpool apart — with fans soon speculating who would finish second! — much of the early-season limelight was hogged not by the big clubs, and the big names... but by the little 'uns.

For "humble" Third and Fourth Division clubs almost ran riot at times at the expense of their "betters" in the League Cup.

Watford, Reading, Rotherham, Blackpool, Chester, Peterborough, Swansea, and Swindon were prominent amongst those who caused a surfeit of early red faces.

Newly-promoted Swansea and Watford led the way, too, in the Third Division — both giving strong hints that one uplift wasn't exactly going to satisfy them.

Scottish players coming South of the border is nothing new... but who, just a few months ago, would have bet that a couple more famous Jocks — managers instead — would be making the same trek?

And no less than the rival "Old

Q: WHEN IS A NUT NOT A NUT?

A: WHEN IT'S A...



...WING NUT

A usually down-to-earth sort of nut but has been known to fly off the handle, if it ever feels twisted.

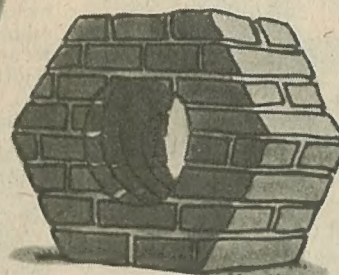


...HAZEL NUT

Slightly crackers, but likeable enough, Hazel's Mum says she got a slight bang on her nut at an early age, which left her in a daze, (or was it in a haze?)

...WALL NUT

Normally found on walls, but when searching for them you have to be quick because they've been known to make a bolt for it.



...HORSE CHESS NUT

Once he starts playing, the horse chess nut has been known to play all knight. He might be a better player if he used the other pieces as well though, mate.



...MONKEY NUT

Might be slightly bananas, but when it comes to spotting a bargain there's no-one cleverer at the local jungle sales.



...WOODEN'UT

Has a long family tree. Originally worked out with logs at a Board Meeting. The nail was hit on the head when all previous plans were axed, and this perfect branch office was devised.



...TOUGH NUT

A real hard case. Holds rank of kernel. Can stand no end of bombardment - particularly shelling.

...BEECH-NUT

Found in sixes. Its delicious peppermint and spearmint flavours are very popular because of their magical ability to turn every day into a Cheweday.

At only 3p a pack Beech-Nut must be the one you chewse too.

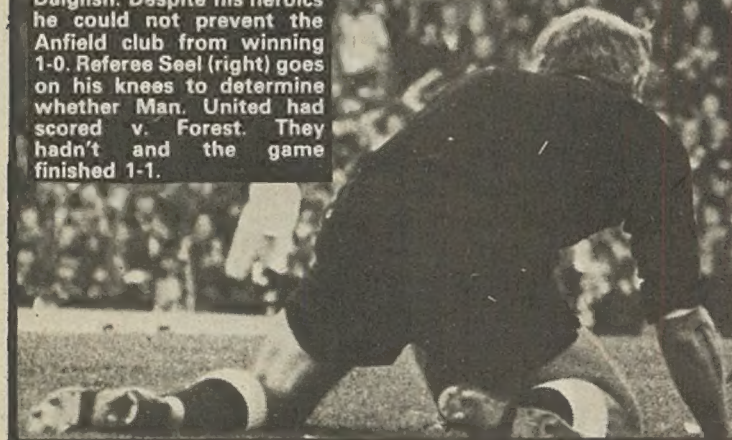


Frank Stapleton (below, right) pounces to score Arsenal's late winner against Bolton at Highbury. Ron Fitcher (below Stapleton picture) stoops to head Manchester City's fourth goal against Chelsea and to also notch his hat-trick during City's 4-1 win at Stamford Bridge.

GOALS... AND... SAVES...



Young Coventry 'keeper Les Sealey (above) saves superbly from Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish. Despite his heroics he could not prevent the Anfield club from winning 1-0. Referee Seel (right) goes on his knees to determine whether Man. United had scored v. Forest. They hadn't and the game finished 1-1.



DID you know I was "transferred" to Manchester City before leaving for Argentina with Scotland's World Cup squad at the end of May?

I spent a week at Maine Road receiving treatment on the knee I injured in the British Championship match against Wales.

City's physio Freddie Griffiths was a tremendous help, so were all of the players who popped in to keep me company.

The club offered their services to Scotland manager Ally MacLeod because everyone at my club, Manchester United, had left to go on tour.

It was the first time I really had the chance to see the Maine Road set-up and I was very impressed.

I was also surprised at the number of City players who reported for training each day.

The season was over for most of them, but that didn't stop many working out.

When I was first told to report to Maine Road I must admit to feeling slightly apprehensive at the reception I'd receive because of the rivalry between the two clubs.

Apart from one or two friendly jibes about Man. U., all the City lads were good to me.

Mind you I already knew most of them, especially Scottish internationals Willie Donachie and Asa Hartford. In fact, we are close friends.

They won't be giving away any favours this Saturday (September 30th) though, when City visit Old Trafford.

This isn't my first Manchester derby. I played in the 2-2 home draw on March 15th last season, a



City's Asa Hartford is Gordon's choice as the best midfielder in Britain.



my soccer scene
**GORDON
MCQUEEN**

'WHY I "MOVED" TO MANCHESTER CITY'

few weeks after my transfer from Leeds.

My SHOOT colleague Gordon Hill scored both United goals from penalties.

At the time the game had little significance, other than a League match with my new club. I didn't realise just how important this fixture is to Manchester. But I do now.

There wasn't anything to match it at Leeds. Our nearest rivals were Sheffield United... a few miles down the motorway.

At Elland Road, I was always envious of other clubs with big city neighbours. I missed the atmosphere and build-up local derbies create.

I wasn't even involved in any derby games with my first pro. club St. Mirren. I suppose our closest rivals were Morton and Glasgow Rangers.

But matches against the Ibrox giants rarely raised much enthusiasm among St. Mirren fans because those games were mostly one-sided... in Rangers' favour.

I have been to a few Celtic-Rangers Old Firm clashes, though.

There's little animosity between



players, but the fans hate each other. To them these games are almost total War. It's more than a football match: it's Catholic v. Protestant.

Old Firm rivalry is as intense as ever, but a lot of the magic has gone out of the games because the two teams now play each other so often during a season.

Before the Premier Division came into being, Old Firm battles were twice-a-season affairs with the odd Cup Final thrown in.

Now they meet four times in the League.

A few years ago Old Firm fixtures would be 80,000 all ticket attractions. They don't draw that number these days, although the recent clash at Parkhead had a crowd of 60,000.

People say you've never really been at a football match until you've attended a Celtic/Rangers game. Well, United v. City, Everton v. Liverpool and Newcastle v. Sunderland must run them pretty close for atmosphere.

The build-up for this Saturday's match-of-the-day at Old Trafford began last week.

Joe Jordan (left) narrowly misses with a header during last term's 2-2 clash with City at Old Trafford.



Not only are the lads more keyed-up than ever, but there are more Pressmen and fans around.

The local papers are carrying special features and our supporters are pleading with us to make a special effort against City. Defeat at Old Trafford at the weekend will be a disaster for them.

Even our groundstaff are discussing the game. That's the first time I've heard them talking about a forthcoming match so early.

As Liverpool's triumphs spur on Everton, City are determined not to be overshadowed by United.

This intense local rivalry is good for both clubs and keeps them on their toes.

This season the pressure in Manchester has been on City boss Tony Book.

Most of the soccer-writers tipped City for honours in their pre-season previews. United were hardly mentioned.

But so far things haven't been too brilliant for the Maine Road outfit. No wins in their first five matches — and a crushing 4-1 defeat by Liverpool.

Ironically City's first victory was a 3-0 home win against Leeds on September 9th.

New Players

This is bound to be a worrying period for a manager who has spent a lot of money on new players without getting the results.

But City have also had their injury problems with key men such as Willie Donachie and Peter Barnes missing at times. New signing Colin Viljoen was even hurt in training.

Although I'm naturally confident of a United victory this Saturday, I expect a tight match.

However weakened the City side might be they won't give anything away... especially against United.

Apart from Willie and Asa, whom I regard as the best all-round midfielder in Britain, the two other City players I admire most are striker Brian Kidd and giant 'keeper Joe Corrigan.

Apart from his ability to score his fair quota of goals with alarming consistency, Kiddo never stops grafting for the team.

Dedication

Big Joe has few equals between the sticks. Everyone at Maine Road enthuses at this dedication in training.

A few years ago Joe had a weight problem that threatened his career. But he worked and worked to shed those excess pounds. Now he's one of the most agile 'keepers in the game.

I get along with the City lads and as yet have met little hostility from their fans. One reason I suppose is because I still live in Leeds and so don't really come into contact with them.

I did take part in a penalty competition in the City social club last season, though, and received a warm welcome.

Hope I get the same reception when United make the journey to Maine Road in February... although I doubt it.

Goalkeeper

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This week's Star Letter comes from Paul Haswell of South Hetton, Co. Durham, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

A CASE — OR SOURGRAPES?

EVEN though the season is just a few weeks old, already referees have come in for criticism from managers such as Bob Paisley, Bill McGarry, John Bond, Tommy Docherty and Jimmy Adamson.

These managers feel refs were "hard" on bookings and sendings-off. They were also accused of spoiling the game, making it a farce, by penalising "good" tackles.

At the other end of the scale, Spurs boss Keith Burkinshaw criticised the ref for not booking Swansea's Tommy Smith for a foul on Ardiles.

Do refs REALLY differ so much in their opinions on fouls as some managers suggest? Or is it just sour grapes, because all the criticisms were made after poor results?

Personally, I believe it's the latter.

● It's the inconsistency that annoys managers. That, and booking a player for not retreating from a free-kick... and then not booking a player for a much worse offence, like going over the top. I've also witnessed instances of the ignorance of the advantage rule this season. I think the Football League ought to take another in-depth look at their officials.

Bad Loser

WHEN will players start accepting defeat? I refer to Danny McGrain, who, in a recent column, offered countless excuses why Celtic lost at home to Liverpool in Jock Stein's testimonial.

He said Celtic conceded "two bad goals" and the other was "off-side". Come off it, Danny!

PHILIP Le VESCONTE, JERSEY, C.I.



● Danny (above), a self-confessed member of the anti-England brigade, obviously found defeat too hard to swallow. But he shouldn't worry. Most teams lose to Liverpool, English, Scottish and foreign!

The Old Story

I WAS born in Scotland, but have lived in England for most of my life so I have divided loyalties. I was disgusted by your remark "all the good things to come out of the World Cup for Scotland could be written on a haggis with a football boot."

I fail to find anything small enough and write with anything large enough to put England's success on.

You obviously don't realise England didn't qualify for the World Cup and the only reason England beat Scotland is because Scotland were out of form at the time. They only came good at the end of the World Cup.

N. DOUGLAS, NEWTON AYLCLIFFE.

● Regular readers will know I have been very critical of England, stating they didn't deserve to qualify for Argentina. Until Scotland lose their inferiority complex about England, they'll never reach the very top. The silly thing is Scotland have enough talent NOT to constantly compare themselves with England. They should seek their own identity, forget about everyone else... then they'd live up to their potential, rather than disappoint too often.

Stars XI

HOW about this for Celebrity XI: STEVE CARTER... good on the goal-lines

IAN OGILVY... always has a "saintly" match

LARRY GRAYSON... last out, so he could shut the dressing-room door

BOB MONKHOUSE... has a golden shot

MUHAMMAD ALI... he'd add punch to the side

BASIL BRUSH... a sweeper who'd fox opponents

PAUL MCCARTNEY... deadly on the wings

TOM BELL (Frank Ross)... a useful outfield player

RONNIE BARKER... would "go straight" through the opposition

JAMES CALLAGHAN... who else could be at number 10?

JOHN INMAN... always "free" on the wing.

PAUL SHAW, GWYNEDD.

● I could think of one or two League clubs who would be hard-pressed to beat this team... even allowing for the goalkeeper!

Pen-Pal

I AM a 13-year-old Manchester United supporter and I'd like a pen-pal from Manchester aged between 12 and 14.

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YOU ARE THE REF

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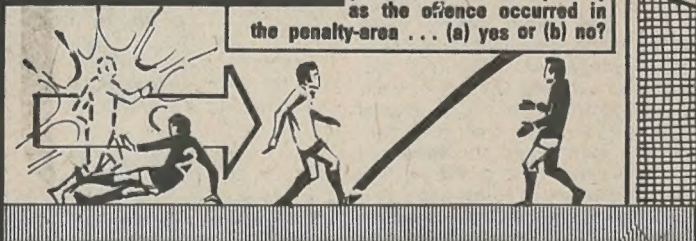
1 What action should you take after a player you have already cautioned commits a second cautionable offence... (a) Administer a warning or (b) Send him off!



2 During the kick-about before the start of a match a player uses foul and abusive language at you. Can you order him from the field?



3 If you allow an advantage for a foul and it does not benefit the offended team, can you then re-award a penalty as the offence occurred in the penalty-area... (a) yes or (b) no?



4 If at the same time as you blow your whistle to award a penalty kick, normal time expires, should you permit the penalty-kick to be taken... (a) yes or (b) no?



5 When about to take a free-kick a player places the ball in the wrong position three times. Would you be right in awarding the free-kick to the opposing team?

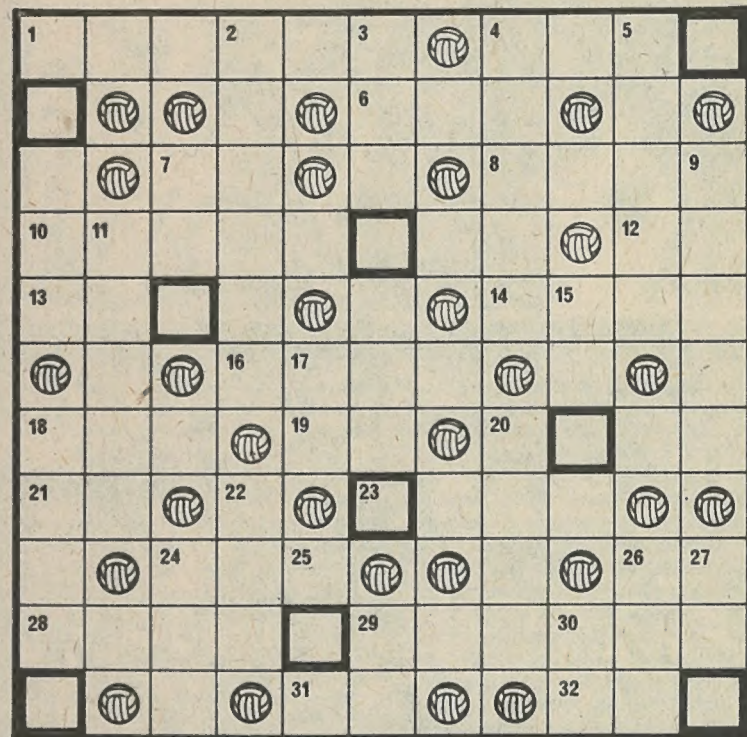


ANSWERS

1. The player should be sent off (b). We are now seeing this in the Football League when a player has been cautioned for an offence and then later deliberately catches the ball. Stopping the ball going to an opponent rates a caution, if it is his second offence he must go. 2. Yes, and a substitute may take his place. 3. No (b). That is the Law but I disagree with it. 4. Yes, as time is time. I hope all my colleagues will therefore disregard completely DISHONEST. 5. No. If the player deliberately places the ball incorrectly he should be cautioned. I again would not worry too much about this because again I feel a few yards either way will not make that much difference.

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Bolton Wanderers midfielder. Answers on page 50.



ACROSS:—

- (1) Intervals of inaction.
- (4) Certain.
- (6) There is a World one and a European one, for instance.
- (7) Alan --wing, Bolton Wanderers player.
- (8) Finishes.
- (10) Bobby --, Footballer of the Year in 1966/67.
- (12) Manchester City, The C--izens.
- (13) Expectation and desire... for a win, perhaps.
- (14) Micky --, Chelsea defender.
- (16) -- Bowles, Queens Park Rangers midfielder.
- (18) S--av-Ke-ber, Leicester City, omissions reversed.
- (19) Paul J--es of Bolton Wanderers.
- (20) "Quote in support" from the omissions in Tom R---hi- (Bristol City).
- (21) Jimmy C---o of Liverpool.
- (23) Dixie --, all time record League goalscorer in one season.
- (24) An expert... at soccer, as an example.
- (26) Afro--di Stefano, European Footballer of the Year, 1957 & 1959.
- (28) Home of Manchester United (3 & 8)
- (31) Don Sh--ks of Q.P.R.
- (32) Dave O'L-a-- (Arsenal). Cereal from the missing letters.

DOWN:—

- (1) David --, Southampton defender.
- (2) Gets a goal!
- (3) One of the teams in the last sixteen of the 1978 World Cup competition.
- (4) A club might have to do this in a big way to obtain good new players.
- (5) You can listen to some matches via this.
- (7) Space through which a shot might be made, for instance.
- (9) Manner of play.
- (11) On the Football Pools the teams who have triumphed on their own grounds.
- (15) Destroy... as, unfortunately, vandals sometimes do.
- (17) Stoke City's home ground is the Vic--ria Ground.
- (18) -- Road ground of Oxford United.
- (20) Hind part of the leg.
- (22) In short, take action.
- (24) Barry Si---il (Sunderland). The omissions reversed.
- (25) C--nt--i Park, Cowdenbeath.
- (26) A -- pitch certainly assists speedy play.
- (27) -w-o- Park (Blackburn Rovers). Poem from the missing letters.
- (29) Jimmy M---n of Bristol City.
- (30) Roger Osb---ne of Ipswich Town.

A BUSY SUMMER FOR BIG-SPENDERS

THE 1978 close season must have been the busiest and most expensive in the history of the game. It is certainly true to say, without any contradiction, never before has so much cash changed

seasons.

In 1977 the figure was just over £3,500,000 and even that total caused a few raised eyebrows, for in 1976 a mere one and a half million pounds was expended on

apart from a few deals involving players from overseas clubs, the greater majority of the money remains in British football.

But let us take a closer look at those close season figures.

In 1976 there were only seven transfers involving fees of £100,000 and over. They included the £250,000 paid by Leeds to Sheffield United for Tony Currie; £333,000 for Malcolm Macdonald's move from Newcastle to Arsenal; £200,000 for David Johnson from Ipswich to Liverpool; £100,000 for Brian Kidd from Arsenal to Man-

United, and Peter Daniel moved from Hull City to Wolves for £150,000.

Then during the summer recess Manchester City spent £425,000 for the signatures of the twin Fletcher brothers, Paul and Ron, from Luton, Liverpool paid £300,000 for Alan Kennedy from Newcastle United, and Everton took Mick Walsh from Blackpool for £325,000.

Orient also figured in deals involving around £360,000 when they sold Glenn Roeder to Q.P.R. for £250,000 and Phil Hoadley to Nor-



Arsenal boss Terry Neill greets £333,000 Malcolm Macdonald.

1976-TOTAL: £1½ M



A smiling Kenny Dalglish signs on the dotted line for Liverpool.

1977-TOTAL: £3½ M

hands between clubs than the period from the final weeks of the 1977-78 campaign to the opening of the present season on August 19th.

The total amount spent on transfers during the spring and summer was well over £5,500,000. It may be difficult to believe in these days when so many clubs are bemoaning the fact "money is scarce", but facts are facts.

Compare that fantastic cash outlay with the two previous close

new players between May and August.

It is not possible, however, to give a completely accurate figure for transfers over a specific period of time. There are exchange deals between clubs when players are swapped with no cash being involved.

Other deals are arranged on "easy terms" basis, a very necessary system when smaller, less wealthy clubs are concerned.

It must also be remembered

chester City and for Garry Jones from Everton to Birmingham.

The grand total of one and a half million, already quoted, also included £200,000 paid to Leeds by Anderlecht for Duncan McKenzie, and Roger Davies' £130,000 move from Derby County to Bruges.

The following summer (1977) saw the first half-a-million transfer when Kevin Keegan moved to Hamburg, but most of that money was spent by Liverpool to sign Kenny Dalglish from Celtic, a very interesting example of how the money goes round and round to good purpose.

During that 1977 summer Mike Channon moved from Southampton to Manchester City for £300,000; there were two £200,000 deals Ken McNaught (Everton to Villa) and Dave Thomas (Q.P.R. to Everton). There were also seven other deals of over £100,000.

But that all-time close season transfer record of over three and a half million was completely shattered during the past summer break.

It began towards the end of the season when Derby paid £275,000 for Gordon Hill from Manchester

wich for £110,000. There were nine other deals of between one hundred and two hundred thousands.

But it was Spurs who created the biggest sensations of the past summer when they invested nearly £1,000,000 in capturing the services of Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa, two of the Argentinian World Cup stars, for £750,000 and John Lacy from Fulham for a fee of £238,000, the largest one-club deal on record.

Incidentally, it was only ten years ago Spurs paid out the then record transfer fee of £125,000 when they signed Martin Chivers from Southampton.

Then, two years later (March, 1970) they created another new record when they secured the services of Martin Peters from West Ham for the first ever £200,000.

It's a far cry from 1906 when the soccer world was shocked by the transfer of Alf Common from Sunderland to Middlesbrough — for £1,000! But with modern transfer fees rising faster and faster it may not be long before the past close season record of five and a half million pounds will be shattered.



Manchester City's Fletcher twins, Paul and Ron.

1978-TOTAL: £5½ M

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

JOHN LACY FULHAM TO SPURS 'INCREDIBLE BUILD-UP TO GAMES'



BIG John Lacy's feet have hardly touched the ground since his controversial £238,000 transfer from Fulham to Tottenham Hotspur.

His short journey across London coincided with the arrival of Ardiles and Villa from Argentina, and Spurs expensive triple-signing captured endless headlines.

Unfortunately, the team's performances did not match the early euphoria. Spurs defence creaked under pressure. Liverpool and Swansea inflicted crippling defeats, and for the new-boys, it was one hell of a White Hart Lane baptism.

But Lacy is far from dispirited. He said: "I know what I have to do. I must settle down quickly and adjust to my new team-mates, their style of play and the extra demands of playing in the First Division.

"I do not believe in making excuses. We did not make a good start to the season; and as a member of the team, I accept my part of the responsibility.

"But people forget not only are Spurs just back up from Division Two, but they also have three totally new faces battling to fit in."

The fact Fulham and Spurs failed

to agree over the valuation of the big centre-half cannot have helped Lacy settle down.

The matter was finally resolved by a tribunal, but not before lingering long enough to worry the quietly-spoken defender.

He added: "When a team move up a Division they need time to find their feet. But when you leave one club for another and move up, the problems are almost doubled.

"The pace of play, the thinking time and the skill-level are all superior to those in the Second. And although I am playing in a similar role to the one I had with Fulham, I am getting used to the new opponents as well as colleagues.

Lacy played 146 League games for Fulham, scoring seven goals before his transfer. He has fulfilled his ambition to play in the First Division but accepts Spurs fans are used to success.

"The amazing thing is the atmosphere. You do not notice it so much during a game, but the build-up to our games is incredible. At Fulham we often travelled to away games with a minimum of fuss and publicity. But imagine what it was like when we opened the season at Nottingham Forest.

"They are League Champions, we have three new players and the whole country seemed to be tuning into the match before it even began."

Life with Spurs is different in training also. Said Lacy: "We put a whole lot more emphasis on skills and ball control. We are always encouraged to play football. This is a very good thing.

"A bit of a rough start perhaps. But in time, a very short time I hope, I will adjust. Then I can repay Spurs for the faith they have shown in me."

Three Q.P.R. players, including Roeder (right), combine to stop Arsenal's Liam Brady.



GLENN ROEDER ORIENT TO Q.P.R.

'SURROUNDED BY VERY GOOD PLAYERS'

QUEENS Park Rangers central defender, Glenn Roeder, believes the best way to prepare for 90 minutes against a forward is to know as little about the opponent as possible.

Roeder, 22, joined Rangers from Orient during August after six seasons at Brisbane Road where he built up a reputation as one of the

football and the undoubted extra demands on his skills, Roeder refuses to change his philosophy.

He said: "I see football as being all about confidence in your own ability. That is why I do not like to know too much about an opponent before I face him.

"At Orient I used to take each game as it came, listen to the manager and worry about the man I had to mark when the game started. Not before. Because I have confidence in my ability."

Roeder's role has changed since his move to Loftus Road under new manager, Steve Burtenshaw.

Orient's successful but negative "back-five" plan frustrated opponents in both League and Cup. But Arsenal destroyed Orient at Stamford Bridge, proving even with a back-four plus a European-style sweeper behind them, a defence can be pulled apart.

Roeder said: "When Jimmy Bloomfield asked me to play that spare man role I was delighted because it gave me time on the ball and the opportunity to break forward from deep positions, too deep usually to be picked up.

"But people seem to think that is my natural role. If I had a choice I would prefer to play there all the time, but at Rangers we play the orthodox back-four with a contact centre-half, Ernie Howe, and a spare man who plays off him.

"Needless to say the First Division game is much quicker, techniques are quicker and opponents think more quickly and often with stunning effect if you are new to that standard.

"But if you have that basic belief, you can come to terms with the new level and settle down. I am surrounded by very good players so I expect their standard of play to bring the best out of me."

Rangers acted while a number of other First Division clubs were considering bidding for the young Londoner. Overnight, Roeder's football status has altered.

"I had a taste of what the game can offer when I played in all seven England B games during the summer. We toured Malaysia, New Zealand and Singapore.

"My personal ambition is to be successful with Rangers... and play for England. All the same, if you don't aim for the top of the tree, you never get anywhere."



most skilful young back-four players in the League.

He starred in last season's gallant F.A. Cup run to the Semi-Finals and became the key member of manager Jimmy Bloomfield's "back-five" plan which dumped Norwich, Blackburn Rovers, Chelsea and Middlesbrough out of the competition.

Roeder's transfer to Rangers signals the beginning of a new chapter in his already colourful career. But despite the higher level of



Spurs' John Lacy (left) joins the attack and just misses with this effort v. Chelsea.

OF THEIR NEW CLUBS

ALAN KENNEDY NEWCASTLE TO LIVERPOOL 'ENCOURAGED TO DO MY OWN THING'



WHEN the 1978-79 Football League kicked-off, Alan Kennedy was expecting to display his talents with Newcastle at Millwall in the Second Division.

Instead the England B international full-back was lining up for European Champions Liverpool against Queens Park Rangers.

"It certainly came as a shock to me," says Kennedy. "Just before the term started I received a phone call from a local newspaper informing me Peter Robinson, secretary at Anfield, was trying to contact me.

"I then rang the ground and Mr. Robinson asked me to fly with him to Vienna and meet the manager and players who were on a pre-season tour."

After thinking the move over with his father and girl-friend, Shirley, he signed for an estimated £300,000.

"It was a proud moment for me," says 24-year-old Alan. "I made my debut for Pool against Celtic in Jock Stein's testimonial and got off to a great start by scoring."

If early form is anything to go by then Kennedy will become a great favourite with the crowd.

"The pace is quicker than I was used to at Newcastle," continues the Sunderland-born defender. "But as each game goes by I find myself adjusting.

"The atmosphere here is so much more relaxed and we are encouraged to do our own thing.

"Mr. Paisley is very quiet compared to Bill McGarry at Newcastle."

Liverpool supremo Bob Paisley is supposed to have said if Kennedy doesn't win full England honours then he will jump in the Mersey — when the tide is out!

Kennedy has now played in front of two of the most fanatical crowds in the country. How do the two compare?

"On a par," he says. "The St. James' Park crowd were good to me. The Kop is legendary and I am hoping they will take to me in the same way they adore the rest of the side."

Liverpool started the season in tremendous form, beating Q.P.R., Ipswich, Manchester City and then thrashing Spurs 7-0. It was obvious Alan Kennedy was settling down well in the team.

He says: "What a difference a year can make. This time in 1977 I was in the Newcastle side that was destined to struggle and eventually be relegated. Now I am looking forward to helping Liverpool win honours.

"If I gain any international recognition then it will be a bonus because all I'm interested in at the moment is justifying my £300,000 transfer fee and becoming a regular in the team."

Kennedy on the ball during his home League debut for Liverpool against Q.P.R.



Team-mates Mick Lyons (left) and Walsh in an aerial battle for the ball.



MICKEY WALSH BLACKPOOL TO EVERTON 'SOON LOST MY INITIAL NERVES'

AS Mickey Walsh turned away after scoring for Everton in their 5-0 U.E.F.A. Cup First Round first-leg win over Finn Harps in Ireland, his feelings were a mixture of joy and relief.



Not only because his goal was scored in the "land of his fathers" but also because it was his first for Everton since his £325,000 transfer from Blackpool.

It has been a slightly difficult settling-in period for the Chorley-born Republic of Ireland international striker.

As Jim Pearson packed his bags for Newcastle United, 24-year-old Walsh arrived at Goodison Park in a blaze of publicity — the much-sought forward who opted for

Everton when so many leading clubs were linked with his bid to play First Division football.

With 72 League goals from 172 League appearances for Blackpool as his proof of quality, Walsh prepared to form the other half of an exciting striking partnership with 30-goals top-scorer Bob Latchford.

Walsh said: "One minute I was heading for obscurity and the Third Division with Blackpool, the next I was part of one of the biggest and most famous clubs in Europe. So of course I was anxious to make a good start.

"It was very sad Blackpool were relegated. It was also amazing. Because early last season, even up to Christmas, we were on the edge of the promotion race.

"We finished six points better off than second-from-bottom Mansfield and only one point behind 13th placed Luton Town. That is how daft the Second Division finished — seven clubs on 38 points and we went down with 37.

"Manager Bob Stokoe was very good about everything. He told me I could go if the right offer was made. And when Everton came in I knew this was the move for me.

"It has come at a marvellous stage of my career. I have played consistently in the Second Division, so the First Division is new to me. Playing alongside a striker of Bob Latchford's class is also a great experience. I believe we will form a very good understanding.

"Despite the size of Everton I am surprised and delighted by the warmth and friendliness of the place. I was made very welcome and soon lost my initial nerves after arriving.

"Ironically, if things turn out as I hope, I could play against Bob when Eire play England in the European Championship. I was not born in Ireland but both my parents were. That is how I qualify for the green-and-white shirt.

"But right now I am looking forward to a good run in the U.E.F.A. Cup.

"Yes, I've made the most important football step of my career. And I am enjoying every minute."

Cambridge Have The Young Idea

THE Third and Fourth Divisions are sprinkled with them ... the unfashionable clubs — often from small and medium sized towns and cities of limited football traditions — who rode a boom spell. They roared into the Second Division on the crest of a wave; then piled straight into brick walls.

Mansfield, Swindon, Watford, Oxford, York and Hereford have been among those in recent seasons who found the high living days died away as a particularly inspired squad of players broke up: some aged, some never quite mastered the skill demands of the Second Division, others succeed all too well and moved to top clubs. Finally the sheer burden of maintaining the kind of consistent quality the Second Division requires overwhelmed these brave clubs.

So what now becomes of Cambridge? The experts predict a quick end to the spectacular spurt which has rocketed United from Fourth Division to Second in two seasons ... "and that serves to make the challenge all the keener," asserts manager John Docherty.

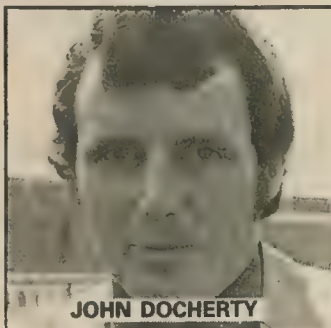
"Our confidence is high; we

believe in ourselves; nearly all of us have come a long way together. I know the future of this club is very good and soundly based.

"For instance, ten of our 19 full-time professionals are 22 or under. About four years behind them, we have another fine crop of youngsters coming along. We're not passing strangers to the Second Division: we've arrived!"



ALAN BILEY



JOHN DOCHERTY

The squad carefully blended by Docherty and former manager Ron Atkinson — now, of course, in charge at West Bromwich Albion — is certainly the cheapest in the Second Division in terms of transfer market buying.

"I reckon it cost around £60,000," says Docherty, doing some mental arithmetic that hardly needs a mathematical genius because it concerns just four players. "Roughly half of that went on Gordon Sweetzer; there was £12,000 for Lindsay Smith; £10,000 for Tom Finney, £2,000 for John Cozens. And that's about it."

The story of Cambridge is mirrored in the story of Alan Biley. The success of the club has gone hand in hand with the rise of the 21-year-old striker. Three years ago, he was cast out by Luton Town whose financial problems allowed them no time to work on the undoubted talents of an 18-year-old reserve.

"I know I was given a free

transfer but it was still a bad blow," says Biley.

"It was lucky for me Paddy Sowden, now our assistant-manager at Cambridge, had been on the staff at Kenilworth Road. He moved to United before I was given a free transfer and when my name was listed he recommended me to Ron Atkinson."

He did not miss a match as Cambridge raced away with the Fourth Division Championship and collected 20 first team goals. Cambridge went for promotion again last season with the front partnership between Biley and Finney blazing the way ahead.

This time the lad from Leighton Buzzard cracked in 21 goals from 44 League games and collected another couple from Cup-ties. They were the kind of goals that mark the complete striker.

"Alan gets his goals because he works for them," says manager Docherty. "He is a dream of a player to work with. His enthusiasm in training has to be seen to be believed and he takes in every word of advice and learns every lesson. In games, he never stops running."

Cambridge's fans are packing the Abbey Stadium, the smallest in the country with a 12,000 capacity. "Yes, we're a young club that was battling in the Southern League when some of the sides we've played this season were riding high in the First Division," agrees Docherty. "But that's to our advantage because we are creating everything from good beginnings."

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AFTER shattering Second Round results, the surviving First Division clubs enter the Third Round wondering if they also will lose to a minnow from a lower Division.

Just look at the First Division teams who **WON'T** be going to Wembley for the League Cup Final this season. Liverpool, Birmingham City, Chelsea, Middlesbrough, Arsenal, Tottenham, Wolves, Ipswich, Coventry and Bristol City.

Gone are the days when it was said teams were not interested in the League Cup. A money-making run to Wembley and an automatic place in Europe via the U.E.F.A. Cup for the winners means the League Cup is definitely a trophy to go all out to win.

After a Second Round, second replay played in the same week as the Third Round, the First Division will have 12 clubs left in the competition.

West Bromwich Albion and Leeds play for the third time for the doubtful privilege of visiting

Rotherham's Richard Finney climbs above David O'Leary of Arsenal to score their third goal in the shock 3-1 win in the previous round.



More Shocks In Store?

Preview of the Third Round of the League Cup

Second Division Sheffield United.

The Blades were the first team to stop Liverpool this season. So the winners of the delayed Second Round tie will not gain much comfort from their trip to Bramall Lane.

As Southampton meet Derby County at The Dell, at least one other First Division team will not be in the Fourth Round.

On current form Southampton should advance against a Derby side in the middle of another Docherty "shuffle."

Now let us look at the lower Division heroes set to cause even more surprises in the competition fast ravaging the F.A. Cup for giant-killing acts.

Bolton go to Exeter; and the Third Division team, having beaten Second Division Blackburn, must fancy their chances against a Bolton side hoping to hang on to their newly-won First Division position.

The shock relegation of Blackpool last season was soon forgotten with a League Cup Second

Round win over F.A. Cup-holders Ipswich Town.

Manchester City are the next visitors to Bloomfield Road and Vic Davidson, who scored both of the goals against Ipswich, will need watching by City.

Third Division Chester disposed of a very good Coventry side at Sealand Road in the last round. Now Norwich go there, obviously not looking forward to meeting Chester's Welsh international striker Ian Edwards and company on their own pitch.

League Champions Nottingham Forest, however, will not be too worried at meeting Oxford United at The Manor Ground. Clough's team hold too much experience for the young Oxford side managed by Mick Brown.

Instead of being dismayed at meeting Manchester United at Old Trafford, Watford are delighted at the pairing. Not only will it be a big money-spinner, but the last time Watford visited Old Trafford, they

drew 1-1 in a Fourth Round F.A. Cup-tie in 1969. Although United won the replay 2-0 at Vicarage Road.

Everton manager Gordon Lee has told his side not to ease up against weak opposition and they meet Darlington at Goodison Park.

After Wimbledon, who have made a good start in the Fourth Division, crashed 8-0 in the last round, Darlington must surely be living up to their nickname of The Quakers at the prospect of meeting goal-hungry Bob Latchford and Co.

Nor will Q.P.R. be too confident at the prospect of entertaining Swansea in London. Rangers will need no reminding Swansea, under player-manager John Toshack, destroyed big spenders Tottenham at White Hart Lane in the last round.

Alan Durban has made some shrewd signings since taking over as boss at Stoke City and they are already fancied to make a strong promotion bid from the Second Division this season.

In the previous round Stoke beat Sunderland 2-0 at Roker Park and the visit to an average Fourth Division side in Northampton Town should not hold many terrors for City.

Having beaten Middlesbrough in the last round 1-0 on their London Road ground, after a very creditable 0-0 draw at Ayresome Park, Peterborough United should account for Swindon Town.

The meeting of Burnley and Brighton should bring in a better than average crowd at Turf Moor. Burnley will surprise many teams in the Second Division this season and could carry too much fire-power for Brighton.

Chesterfield shook Second Division Orient, all 4,667 that bothered to turn up, by winning 2-1 at Brisbane Road. Now Chesterfield entertain Charlton Athletic at Saltergate.

Charlton have promised a lot in recent years without achieving anything and could share the same fate as Orient.

Luton on their own ground will surely beat Fourth Division Crewe, despite Crewe's 2-0 home victory in the Second Round against Notts County. While Third Division Rotherham should just hold the edge over Reading from the Fourth.

That leaves one tie that promises to be the most intriguing of them all.

On paper Aston Villa v. Crystal Palace at Villa Park looks a home banker.

But Palace manager Terry Venables has an outstanding collection of youngsters at Selhurst Park. It will be interesting to see them in action against a Villa side that has already thrown the gauntlet down in the First Division.

Villa may win, but of the 16 games in the League Cup Third Round, this one could provide the best football of them all.

LEAGUE CUP (Third Round)

Exeter City v. Bolton Wanderers
Aston Villa v. Crystal Palace
Oxford United v. Nottingham Forest
Everton v. Darlington
Sheffield United v. Leeds U. or W.B.A.
Northampton Town v. Stoke City
Southampton v. Derby County
Chester v. Norwich City

Chesterfield v. Charlton Athletic
Luton Town v. Crewe Alexandra
Blackpool v. Manchester City
Rotherham United v. Reading
Q.P.R. v. Swansea City
Peterborough Utd. v. Swindon Town
Burnley v. Brighton
Manchester Utd. v. Watford



Kenny Dalglish on the ball for Liverpool against Sheffield United. The Second Division club knocked the current European Champions out 1-0.



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AS the First Division begins to settle down into some sort of order, I'm quietly confident Aston Villa can win a trophy this season. We're handily placed in the League and still in the League Cup... something many of the "big guns" can't boast.

I think we're doing slightly better than we anticipated. Our pre-season games didn't go too well, so to be up with the leaders at the end of September is very satisfying.

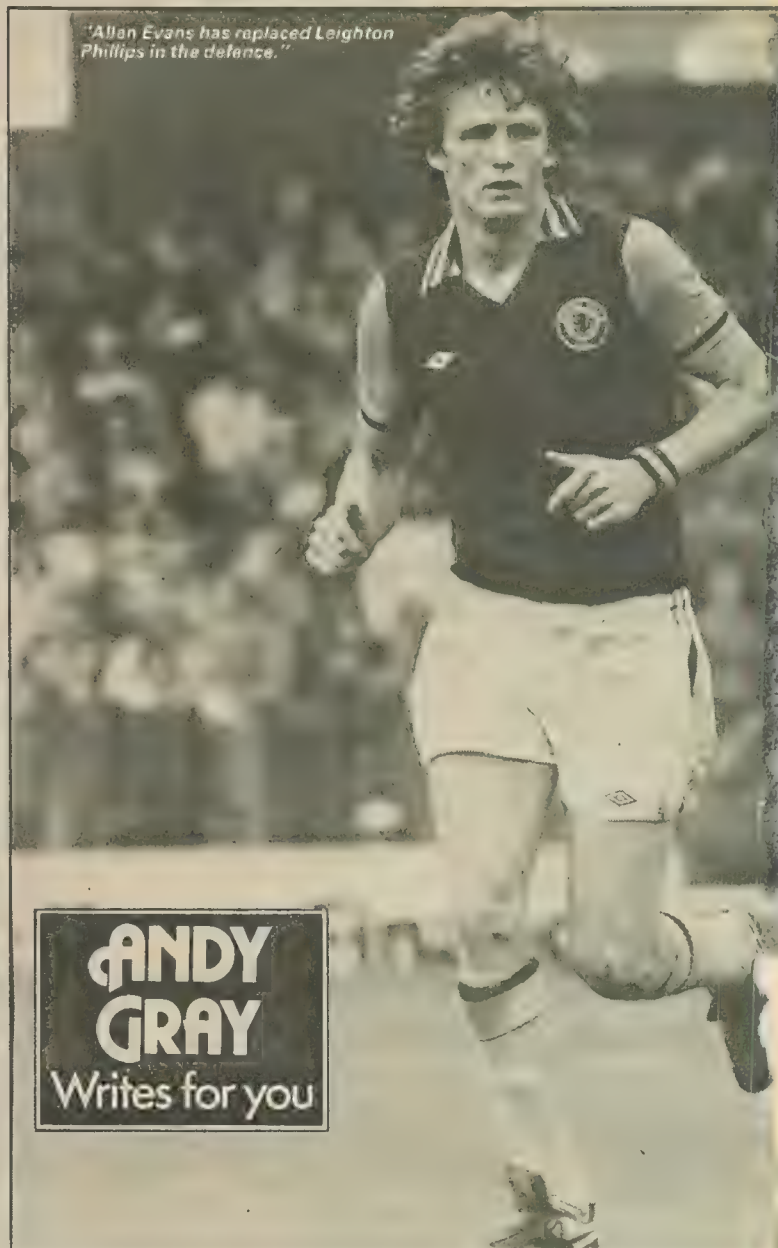
The most pleasing aspect of our play, for me, has been the way the team has functioned smoothly despite constant changes due to injuries. This is the big difference between the Aston Villa of last

That evening was "made" for Spurs... the home debut of the Argentines, a supposedly under-strength Villa. As it was, we thumped four goals past the Londoners, playing some superb football.

A lot of people have been surprised our skipper of last season, Leighton Phillips, was ousted by young Allan Evans. Leighton played in all the warm-up games, except the last one, when he was injured.

Allan stepped in and, give the lad credit, he's taken his chance with both hands. He's played well and his presence must be a boost to the other younger members of our staff.

"Allan Evans has replaced Leighton Phillips in the defence."



ANDY GRAY
Writes for you

season and now.

Last term, we just couldn't find any fluency when players came in and out of the side. Now, young players such as Allan Evans and Gary Shelton have come in and the team pattern has not been interrupted; this says much for the experience they've gained in the past 12 months.

It is significant our best performance of 1978/79 has been at Tottenham... and neither "Dixie" Deehan nor myself was playing!

If the captain can't get his place because of a young player, then everyone has a chance of breaking through. This is an indication of just how hard everyone at Villa Park has to fight for his place these days.

Gary Shelton will be a very good player next season. For the time being, he will probably be introduced slowly but surely to the League scene, just as Gordon Cowans was a couple of years ago. Now, Gordon is reaping the benefit of this type of baptism and I feel

Gary will follow a similar path.

The confidence at Villa Park is growing and as we had a taste of European football last season, we are extra keen to qualify for one of the three competitions again next term.

I don't go along with those who say being in Europe affects your League form. However, if a club is involved in a long domestic Cup run, this can be at the expense of League points.

When Villa were involved in the League Cup Final — which took three games to resolve — this definitely cost us our chance of the Championship.

Europe is a welcome break. It's

two seasons ago a pal of mine won £300 when I finished joint-top scorer with Malcolm Macdonald.

I needed a hat-trick in the last game against West Brom . . . and I managed it. He took a crowd of us out for a meal afterwards to celebrate!

Perhaps the best news of the season for me was my recall to the Scotland squad. It's difficult to say how I felt . . . perhaps relieved, and then happy. A reporter from Glasgow phoned my home and told a friend the news, and he in turn contacted me at Villa's training ground. A great feeling . . .

People have asked me if I was surprised in view of all that has

'Youngsters the key to the "new" Villa'

happened in the past. Let me put it this way: I wouldn't have been surprised had I NOT been chosen. Okay?

Undoubtedly, the worst news of the season was the announcement John Robson will never play again because he has multiple sclerosis . . . this didn't come as too much of a shock to us, as we knew something serious was wrong with John.

I feel very sorry for he's a good player and a nice guy. It made me realise no player should ever take football for granted . . . and how lucky we are to be able to play for a living.

refreshing to go away and meet different types of opponents and I thoroughly enjoyed the U.E.F.A. Cup of 1977/78.

I'm reasonably pleased with my own form — at least my average is what it normally is. I should, however, have scored more; the reasons why I don't have even more goals are (a) bad finishing and (b) some remarkable goal-line clearances by defenders.

I read I'm 40-1 for the "magical" 30 goals. I'm not a betting man, but



"Brian Little congratulates me after I had scored v. Wolves."

John has a well-deserved testimonial coming up soon and I'm sure the Villa fans will turn out in their thousands for him.

After our League game against Nottingham Forest at Villa Park this Saturday, we face Crystal Palace at home in the League Cup. This could well prove to be our hardest game of the season. If we get through this round, with many of the fancied First Division sides already out, we must be in with a fine chance of success in this competition again.

I don't know too much about Palace, but their goalkeeper, John Burridge, is a close friend and we keep in touch. John joined Villa two days before I did and we stayed in the same hotel for three months so we got to know each other well.

John has warned me Palace have a very promising young side and he is determined to keep a clean sheet against his former team-mates.

John Deehan knows Palace manager Terry Venables from the England Under-21 set-up and speaks very highly of him.

Why do smaller clubs do so well in the League Cup? It's not because the First Division clubs don't take it seriously. With the chance of playing at Wembley and qualifying for the U.E.F.A. Cup, all 22 Division One sides do, I'm sure, want to win the tournament.

If anything, they're caught cold at the beginning of the season by the clubs from the lower Divisions, who are motivated by the occasion. By the time the F.A. Cup comes around, the season is at the halfway stage, but in early September maybe the "minnows" are more keyed up for the competition than the bigger teams.

We know we're in for a very difficult tie against Palace, but I hope my old mate "Budgie" is picking one out of the net from me!

Join me again in a fortnight,

Andy Green



Former Villa keeper John Burridge, now with Palace, will be looking forward to the League Cup clash at Villa Park."

CITY EYE BEATTIE

COVENTRY City are one of several Football League clubs keen on talented Crusaders' defender George Beattie.

Aged 20, the overlapping full-back, seemingly destined for a bright future in the game, is a former Northern Ireland Youth cap and current Under-21 panellist.

END FOR LENNOX?

TRAGEDY struck 20-year-old Glenavon goalkeeper Willie John Lennox early this term when surgeons had to remove the big toe of his right foot, following an accident at work.

Now this talented 'keeper, in the cross-Channel transfer spotlight before his unfortunate injury, faces not only the daunting prospect of a lengthy lay-off, but also the galling possibility that he might never play senior soccer again.

All at SHOOT wish Willie John a speedy recovery and early return to the competitive game.

SECOND OPINION

WE have our fingers crossed for Paul Bradshaw, the flying winger Sheffield Wednesday bought from Burnley for £25,000 a couple of seasons ago.

The likeable 24-year-old player, described by manager Jack Charlton as "one of the fastest wingers I have ever seen," had his ambitions in the game shattered by a specialist who diagnosed severe arthritis in Bradshaw's knee after a cartilage operation in the close season.

A few days later another specialist announced that the trouble was merely a trapped nerve.

Bradshaw has had an operation to release the nerve and we know everyone connected with the game will be hoping that the second opinion was the right one and that cheery Paul's career can continue.

WATFORD'S NEW 'RECORD'

WATFORD, having chased a few records last season — when they zoomed to promotion from the Fourth Division — have just made another one. This time it's the musical kind. For they sing two of the tracks on "A Single Man" — the latest record of superstar chairman Elton John.

Perhaps manager Graham Taylor might unearth one or two new Disc-overies on the Vicarage Road staff!

READY TO STEP IN

ALWAYS the understudy never the star could be the story of Orient goalkeeper John Smeulders.

He has been with the East London club awaiting his League chance.

But the Hackney-born lad who is still only 21, had to watch such players as Steve Bowtell, Ray Goddard and the current number one John Jackson pull on the senior green jersey.

Still, while "Jacko" Jackson was in the United States at the beginning of August, John had the chance of a first team spot in the Anglo-Scottish Cup.

But should Jackson, who arrived back just before the start of the League campaign, slip up or be unfortunately injured then John, a brave, competent 'keeper, is ready to step in.

BIG SPLIT

LEAGUE of Ireland club Finn Harps' twin striking spearhead has been split up. Brendan Bradley and Hilary Carlyle, who have been the Donegal club's top scorers have signed for new clubs. Bradley, in dispute with Harps since failing to turn up for a match last March, has joined Athlone Town, while Carlyle is now a Diagheda United player.

PARTICK THISTLE have signed Donald Park from Hearts in a straight swap deal which took John Craig and Denis McQuade to Tynecastle Park.

Thistle have also sold left-back Danny Kellachan to Hamilton for £8,000. And Thistle full-back Brian Whittaker has asked for a transfer. The club already turned down one bid of £100,000 from Rangers.



CHECK-MATE

MANCHESTER City and England winger Peter Barnes relaxes at home in Heaton Norris, Stockport, Cheshire, practising chess set-pieces.

Peter is also hoping to make First Division defences look like pawns against kings this season.

ABERDEEN'S Scottish international defender Stuart Kennedy has been linked with Leeds.

HORTON'S GOAL The First Division with Brighton

BRIAN Horton, the inspiring captain of Brighton, once turned himself into a self-employed builder after being allowed to leave Walsall — but now he finds himself with plenty to build on at the Goldstone Ground.

Brighton, edged out of promotion to the First Division last term by Tottenham on goal difference, can be back in the reckoning again this season.

"We finished the season well last term, but just weren't lucky enough to make it. We'll be bidding strongly again," says the skipper who often runs himself into the ground in his desire to put Brighton right into the top bracket.

Cannock-born Horton started out as a part-timer with Hednesford and thought he would make the grade with Walsall.

"But I'll always be grateful to Gordon Lee, then manager of Port Vale, for giving me the chance to get back into League football in 1970," says a grateful Horton.

Horton, finally left Vale for Brighton in March, 1976, for a bargain-basement £30,000.

Vale had to sell because of financial pressures. Then manager Roy Sproson said at the time: "It was the only thing we could do. We have tightened our belts all season but with such poor gates we have no more belts to tighten."

Now 29, dynamo Horton has one more big goal — to put ambitious Brighton in the First Division.



ODD BOOTS

GLASGOW

Rangers midfielder star Alex MacDonald (left) has one of the oddest obsessions in football — he likes playing in boots of different sizes.

He likes 5½ for his left boot and size 6 for his right.



TOP CLASS NEWTON

HARTLEPOOL manager Billy Horner is convinced he can hit the jackpot again with a centre-forward "discovery".

The former Middlesbrough player picked Malcolm Poskett out of non-League obscurity and sold him to Brighton last season for £60,000. Now he claims Bob Newton is in the six-figure class.

"Newton will go to the top. I am certain of that. In some respects, he is better than Poskett. I am sure we will get £100,000 for him."

Northampton manager Mike Keen is an admirer. Horner quips: "Mike offered to throw the stand in for him earlier this season."

Staff Change

NORWICH manager John Bond found his back-room staff seriously depleted during the summer. First Bond lost reserve team coach Terry Medwin, who went back home to Wales as assistant-manager to Swansea. Then chief scout Basil Hayward left the club to do the same job for Bill McGarry, at Newcastle.

Bond filled the reserve team post by giving the job to Mel Machin, who was forced to quit playing through a knee injury.

BRISTOL Rovers, on the look-out for new players to strengthen the side, could make a move for Coventry City's John Beck, who was recently put on the transfer list at his own request.

WRONG BACK

IN September 9th NEWS DESK, I stated Southampton's David Peach now holds the record for goalscoring full-backs with 56 League goals, having beaten the previous best, Jack Brownsword with 50.

Now statistician Maurice Goleworthy, a regular contributor to SHOOT, has pointed out that Stan Lynn, the ex-Aston Villa defender, beats David with a total of 64 League goals.

THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING ... TO PLAY FOR JOHN ROBSON

JOHN Robson (right), Aston Villa's 28-year-old defender, who has been forced to quit playing because he is suffering from multiple sclerosis, is shortly to have a testimonial game against Moscow Dynamo at Villa Park.

John has not played for the past 12 months, and in the circumstances he is guaranteed a very big turnout for this special game.

It will also be a big occasion for soccer followers to see the Russian side in action. It will be the first time that they have played in the West Midlands for nearly 30 years.



THE THIRD SCOTTISH PROGRAMME FAIR ... will be held this Sunday (October 1st) at the McLellan Galleries, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is 25p.

NEWS

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DESK

COLIN O'Brien, a 22-year-old winger who joined Bristol City in November last year, will be hoping to follow in dad's footsteps.

His father, George O'Brien, was a prolific scorer with Dunfermline, Southampton, Leeds, Orient and Aldershot.

Dunfermline-born Colin was rejected by Bristol City, Southampton and Bournemouth as a 15-year-old, but he has made big strides since then.



Wembley's V.I.P. Visitor

EIGHT-year-old Simon Edwards of the 24th Bolton Cub Pack, who comes from Harwood in Lancashire, was the 50,000th visitor of the guided tours of Wembley Stadium which started in June, 1978.

Simon is seen here with Mick Mills, skipper of F.A. Cup holders Ipswich, holding the trophy with Simon in the Royal Box.

NEW CENTURION

JOINING the list of Football League centurions this season will be Doncaster Rovers who celebrate their 100th year in January.

That's not strictly true in that the Yorkshire club weren't elected to the League until 1901 ... but they were formed in 1879, turning professional six years later, and eventually winning their League status just after the turn of the century.

Already several plans are afoot for the inevitable celebrations — Brian Clough has agreed to take his full Nottingham Forest Championship winning team to play Rovers — and there'll be an open day at the ground.

The club are trying to think of different ways of entertaining their fans, making match day more of an occasion for the family — not simply the fare between 3 o'clock and 20 to five.

And new floodlights have been installed — mind you Rovers still complain bitterly they are the only Yorkshire club who have never had one of their home matches screened on Yorkshire Television.

As for the staff, Stan Anderson is desperately looking for a new centre-half — and he's signed two new strikers. Jack Lewis, once a free-scoring member of the Grimsby attack, who comes from Blackburn Rovers, and Micky French who has left Swindon Town in a part-exchange deal for winger Ian Miller.

PETER Kelly, a 21-year-old full-back with Newcastle, has found his first team chances somewhat limited — and yet he often wins praise on his occasions in the big time.

Glasgow-born Kelly, who signed professional with the Geordie club in July, 1974, after service with the Fernhill amateur team, made his League debut against Derby in March, 1975, but that, alas, was his only appearance of the season.

But he bounced back last term with seven games and has already this season shown up well at League level. Now he is hoping that this will prove the campaign when he finally makes it.

F.A. COACH

LATEST addition to the Staff at Lancaster Gate is Robin Russell, who has been appointed as F.A. Regional Coach for the London (South) area.

Russell takes over half of Colin Murphy's South East of England region and Murphy will henceforth be responsible for London (North).

The Football Association now employs six full-time Regional Coaches and three part-time Regional Coaching Organisers, covering the whole of the Country.

Robin Russell is an M.A. with six years' lecturing and teaching experience. He has held the F.A. Full Coaching Badge since 1971.

Playing experience includes spells with Tranmere Rovers, Birmingham City, Crystal Palace and Hibs and Russell has also spent three summers coaching in the U.S.A.

Glens Capture Starlet Tom

GLENTORAN, the "star-finder" club which produced the likes of Peter Doherty, Danny Blanchflower and Jimmy McIlroy, has a reputation for selling top-class potential TO cross-Channel outfits.

But in teenage defender Tom Stewart, signed recently from Second Division Luton Town, The Glens would seem to have made one of their best-ever captures FROM a Football League club.

Talented Tom, who gained Northern Ireland Youth honours and was an Under-21 squad member last term, could even be in the running for a full Irish cap, in the not-too-distant future.

Quick Penalty

BOURNEMOUTH went through the entire season last time out without earning themselves a penalty. That's 69 hours of football without a spot-kick. But it took them only 41 minutes of the new campaign to rectify this when a Newport County defender handled a header from John Impey.

New signing Steve Massey made sure Bournemouth's first penalty for so long was not wasted.

STEVE JONES, an 18-year-old Manchester United midfielder or striker, will always be thankful for the great help and encouragement he received from Frank Blunstone, coach at United before he moved on to Derby last year.

Liverpool-born Steve only came under the guidance of the former Chelsea and England winger for a short time, but has never forgotten it. "Frank had a nice way of going about things," says Steve.

WHY HUNT'S IMPROVED

ALTHOUGH he has had a highly successful season playing for Cosmos, Steve Hunt (right) has eagerly stepped back into the Football League with Coventry City.

He said: "So far as I am concerned the Football League is still the best competition in the world.

"But I must give credit to Cosmos. They took me when I was released by Aston Villa, and I have since learnt a great deal from the several fine players who have played for the American club.

"They have given me a different insight into the game and I think this is one of the main reasons why I have shown such a big improvement."



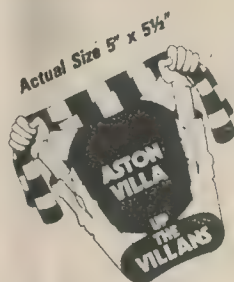
MILES APART

EVER since they first met in Teheran, Paddy Mulligan, the Eire international, and his wife, Maria, have regularly been putting thousands of miles between themselves.

Maria is an air-hostess and this means leaving the Midlands to fly off all over the world.

When she married Paddy she quit her job but the lure of travelling to all parts of the globe proved a little too strong.

Maria's long spells away from home do not worry Paddy. The West Bromwich Albion full-back said: "I can certainly look after myself."



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A ROYLE LOOK

Big Joe examines the chances of his own club, Bristol City, and those of Championship contenders

FOR Bristol City's big centre-forward Joe Royle, any meeting with his former club Everton is a happy event — and the clash between the two teams late in September prompted Joe to review the prospects at Ashton Gate and Goodison this season.

"First of all, following a couple of seasons in the First Division, City are settling in nicely and are better equipped than ever before to establish themselves in the top flight," says Royle. "Now we have a strong pool of players to call upon, and there is keen competition for places.

"For example, when men of the calibre of Peter Cormack, Gary Collier and Chris Garland have had the experience of being left out of the side, it gives some

"And our early form was encouraging. In pre-season matches and opening League games we had won nine out of ten, and when we came unstuck against Wolves early in September it was a match I thought we could have won.

"What I am anticipating is for City to gain at least a mid-table position this term, plus a good Cup run, and eventually get into Europe. This is what we are geared up for, and if we run into injuries I am sure our reserve strength will cope with any emergencies."

And while Joe is optimistic about the future of Bristol City, he is equally confident his old team, Everton, are poised to break the monopoly Liverpool



Joe Royle (above) and Peter Cormack (below) are two of City's experienced players.



The former Manchester City striker feels the title race will be between Everton (light strip) and Liverpool.



idea of our strength in depth. There is a lot of talent there, and it's a pleasure to be in the same team as a defender such as Norman Hunter, who is like a rock at the centre of things. Not forgetting Terry Cooper, who was in Leeds back four for years alongside Norman.

"One of the advantages we get from our present pool is being able to substitute a player with another from the same position. Previously, we've often had to make several positional switches if a player was injured or left out of the side for any reason.

have enjoyed on Merseyside for over a decade.

He says: "Since Everton's last First Division title win eight years ago, it is Liverpool who have been top team in the city. And as I've always been a confirmed Everton fan, this has depressed me when I've been looking for signs of an Everton revival. Now, under the managership of Gordon Lee, everything points to Goodison getting a share of the honours in Cup and League.

"But I would never underestimate Liverpool — how can anybody? They just seem to go on

collecting trophies, and in 1978-79, I can see the race for the First Division Championship being narrowed down to a two-club battle between Everton and Liverpool. These are the two teams who to me appear to have the potential to finish ahead of everybody else.

"However, I rate Arsenal and my other old club, Manchester City, as title contenders, especially if City can put together one of their winning streaks.

"Also, with Leeds United having a new manager in Jock Stein, there is the possibility they could

come in on the fringe of the leaders. As to my own team, Bristol City, I'm confident they will do well, and with the experienced players we've signed prove age needn't be a barrier to success."

In his career so far, Royle has enjoyed being associated with big-time clubs Everton and Manchester City — now he looks forward to helping to put Bristol City on the soccer map, along with well-known colleagues including Norman Hunter, Terry Cooper and Peter Cormack.

And along with his ambitions for his club, Joe, already an England international, has a personal wish — to play again for his country.

Repeat Of The "Battle Of Belgrade"?

October 4th. Yugoslavia v Spain
in Group 3 of the European
Championship.

ON THE face of it, not the sort of game to fire the imagination of British fans.

But cast your mind back to last November and you may realise this is going to be a repeat of that infamous "Battle of Belgrade" when Spain qualified for Argentina with a 1-0 victory in one of the most violent matches in recent times.

Yugoslav manager Valok admitted his young team had "overstepped the mark" and regrettably English referee Ken Burns failed to impose his authority.

Yugoslav striker Kustudic cracked Spanish captain Pirri's ankle with an appalling tackle from behind in the opening minutes (right), and matters went rapidly from bad to worse.

Spain's right-winger Juanito was knocked out by a bottle hurled from high in the stands (below), and several Spanish Pressmen were badly beaten up after the game.

So the Spaniards were dismayed when U.E.F.A. put them yet again in the same group as Yugoslavia in the European Championship.

"We're fed up to the teeth with Yugoslavia, and so are Spanish fans," said the Spanish F.A. when the draw was made, and a quick glance at the records shows,

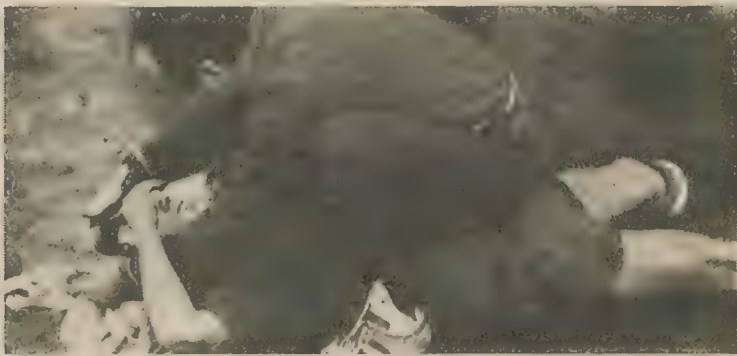


amazingly, Spain and Yugoslavia have been drawn against each other in every World Cup since 1966!

And at one stage, one in every four games played by the Spanish national team was against Yugoslavia!

The run started in the preliminary rounds for the 1970 World Cup, when both were eliminated by Belgium. Four years later, the "old enemies" were drawn in the same group again and tied so it took a play-off in Frankfurt (won 1-0 by Yugoslavia) to decide which of them was to appear in West Germany.

Oct 27th, 1968	Belgrade	Yugoslavia 0 Spain 0	
Apr 30th, 1969	Barcelona	Spain 2 Yugoslavia 1	World Cup, 1970
Oct 19th, 1972	Las Palmas	Spain 2 Yugoslavia 2	
Oct 21st, 1973	Zagreb	Yugoslavia 0 Spain 0	World Cup, 1974
Feb 13th, 1974	Frankfurt	Yugoslavia 1 Spain 0	
Oct 10th, 1976	Seville	Spain 1 Yugoslavia 0	World Cup, 1978
Nov 30th, 1977	Belgrade	Yugoslavia 0 Spain 1	



REF SENT-OFF!

YES, this happened when Juventus played Paysandu — two local sides in Igarape Mirim, Brazil.

The stadium was packed and it appeared the ref was on Juventus's side and in the 60th minute a Paysandu defender was brutally fouled by a Juventus forward ... yet the ref sent the DEFENDER off!

The Paysandu manager came on to the pitch ... took the whistle from the ref ... and pointed towards the dressing-room! He then gave the whistle to the Juventus president, Sr. Trindade, who — backed by intense cheering from the crowd — impartially refereed the rest of the game.

The final score: 1-1.

AUSTRIAN World Cup star Hickersberger "returned home" from the German Bundesliga this season and hasn't been too impressed with his own League.

He says: "What I've seen so far is dreadful. Fouls ... free-kicks ... it's awful."

In his first game back in the Austrian League, three players were sent-off!

SPORTS journalists in Spain were astonished to see Didi, the famous former Brazilian star now working in Saudia Arabia, on holiday in Spain sunbathing. His explanation: "The sun in the Middle-East is too hot ..."

WORLD WIDE
COMPILED BY  CHRIS DAVIES

MIXED START

POLAND'S goalkeeper Jan Tomaszewski had a mixed debut for Belgian League side Beerschot. During a competition in Holland, he stopped two penalties, enabling Beerschot to reach the Final.

However, in the last game he injured a hand and had to have a small operation.

Another goalkeeper in Belgium in the news is Jacky Munaron, the Anderlecht reserve 'keeper. Playing as Nico de Bree was injured, Munaron had the unwanted distinction of being sent-off twice in 12 days. The first for retaliating and the second for showing dissent. He threw the ball in the ref's face!

EXPENSIVE COLD!

WAS this the most expensive sore throat in soccer? West Germany's Franz-Josef Tenhagen was called-up to sing on the squad's World Cup disc before the Finals. Upon arriving at the studios, he found he couldn't sing properly as he had a slight cold. The record sold 800,000 copies and Tenhagen lost £6,000 in royalties!

SPANISH club Valencia's star-studded line-up (Kempes included) has been pulling in capacity crowds wherever they play, and the club is reported to have made £700,000 profit from a series of pre-season friendlies. So Valencia have recouped the £700,000 they paid Borussia Mönchengladbach for Rainer Bonhof.

FOREIGNERS AT BENFICA

BY 6,500 votes to 3,000 Benfica members have voted to allow the club to engage two foreign players. For years the club has imported basketball players but, by tradition, in 66 years they have never had a foreign footballer. Now with Portugal having lost her colonies there is no new Coluna or Eusebio coming from Africa, and English coach John Mortimer has been asked to draw up a list of players he would like.



Francisco Marinho, the forgotten Brazilian, is wanted by Anderlecht, but the Belgian club already have their quota of three foreigners: Haan, Dusbaba and Geels, all Dutch.

Peru midfielder Teofilillo Cubillas has stated again that he's not interested in joining a foreign club.

Spanish Second Division club Granada have a slight financial problem — debts totalling £1 million! The directors have decided the only solution is to sell the city-centre Los Carmenes stadium which is valued at £4 million, and build another stadium

on cheaper land in the suburbs of the city.

Norwegian top stars are following their fellow Scandinavians from Denmark and Sweden to the richer pastures in Europe. Arne Larsen of Norwegian Division One club Bryne has recently signed for Austrian Sturm Graz. The two-year contract will give Larsen around £70,000, the highest fee ever paid to a Norwegian player.

The 840 spectators at a First Division game in Iceland saw an unusual goal during the Vikingur-Akranes game. The Akranes keeper Ion Thorbjornsson kicked the ball out of his hands and after one bounce the Vikingur keeper Didrik Olafsson, under pressure from two opponents misjudged the ball and it went directly into goal ... from more than 90 metres.

The World Cup showed us long-range shooting but ...

FOREIGNERS IN FRANCE

Here are all the foreign stars playing in France:

Yugoslavia: Olarevic (Lille), Boskovic, Amersek (Angers), Seles, Ivezić (Sochaux), Zlatarić (Paris FC), Santamaria (Reims), Katalinski, Bjekovic (Nice), Aleksic (Lyon), Curkovic (St.-Etienne), Petrovic (Bastia).

Poland: Wrazy (V.A.), Kasperczak (Metz).

Argentina: Bargas (Nantes), Correa, Onnis (Monaco), C. Bianchi, Heredia (Paris-S.-G.), Piazza (St.-Etienne), Cabral (Lille), Trossero (Nantes).

Holland: Suurbier (Metz), Rep, Rijsbergen (Bastia).

West Germany: Rohr (Bordeaux), Michelberger (Reims).

Ivory Coast: Pokou (Nancy).

Switzerland: Jeandupeux (Bordeaux).

Sweden: Linderöth (Marseille).

Senegal: Boubacar (Marseille), Camara (Laval).

Brazil: Luizinho (Nimes).

THERE seems to be no way of keeping Argentinians out of the news these days. Striker Oscar Trossero is the latest to hit the headlines. French club F.C. Nantes signed him on the basis of his 19 goals in 32 games for Unión Santa Fe last season, and he became an instant hit with the French fans by slamming a hat-trick in Nantes' 5-0 home win over Angers.

The Brazilian journalists have selected their team of the year. It is: Zé Carlos (Botafogo); Orlando (Vasco); Oscar (Ponte Preta); Bezerra (São Paulo F.C.) and Miranda (Guarini); Zenon (the Player of the Year, Guarini); Renato and Zé Carlos (both Guarini); Guina (Vasco); Nunes (Santa Cruz) and Paulinho (Vasco).

No places for Leão, Nelinho, Batista, Gil, Roberto and Dirceu...

I'M all for fans decorating their cars soccer-style, but this Cosmos supporter must have driven to the game in reverse!



Definitely the match of the day for Bayern Munich and West Germany winger Karl-Heinz Rummenigge as he marries Margita Wehling. With him are team-mates Uli Hoeneß (left) and Sepp Maier.



LEAGUE NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY

WINNING the World Cup doesn't seem to have done much for Argentina's domestic football scene. A lot of clubs seem to be more interested in making a "quick buck" out of their newly-famous players than in making a good showing in the League.

River Plate, for example, have simply "forgotten" their Metropolitan Championship campaign and sent their first team (including Fillol, Luque, Passarella, Alonso and Ortiz) to Europe to play series of lucrative exhibition games.

Ardiles' ex-club, Huracán, have done the same thing and, as a result are in dire danger of relegation with just 18 points from 24 games.

Understandably, the fans are none too happy that several top teams simply don't take the League seriously.



JOSE Giumaraes Dirceu — known in the soccer world simply as Dirceu — would have been a very welcome addition to the list of foreign stars in the Football League.

He was, without doubt, Brazil's most outstanding player in the 1978 World Cup Finals, and it's a great pity that Birmingham City manager Jim Smith couldn't follow up his enquiry for the 26-year-old midfielder.

Shame

Dirceu has now signed for América of Mexico and it's a crying shame such talent will now be in the soccer wilderness. Good luck to América of Mexico and good luck to Dirceu, whose contract with them is indeed lucrative. What a shame, though a player at the peak of his career should take what is in many ways a step backwards.

But what sort of a player did Birmingham almost buy? We'll never know, of course, but chances are he would have been a huge hit. He isn't just a very skilful and exciting player, he also has that aspect in his game that is so vital over here... stamina.

In Brazil, Dirceu is known as "The Player with 1,000 Lungs" because of his running power.

He explains: "As a youngster I did a lot of athletics. I won 5,000 and 10,000 metres races and perhaps this is one of my soccer secrets. Even now I spend a lot of time on my stamina."

"In 1973, I wanted to enter the San Silvestre race, which is 20 miles around the streets of Sao Paulo. My club at the time,

Botafogo, refused permission.

"Luckily, my father supported me as a teenager so I could concentrate on my training and developing my skills."

"He helped me a great deal and is now my financial manager."

"My father used to be a shoemaker and made me my first pair of boots. He still makes them, but only for training as I have a contract to play in certain footwear now."

Although Dirceu was a success in the World Cup, he didn't think he would actually be in Brazil's squad for Argentina.

"After the qualifying competition in Colombia, everyone was saying nice things about me. I started to believe in my own publicity and over-confidence crept in to my game."

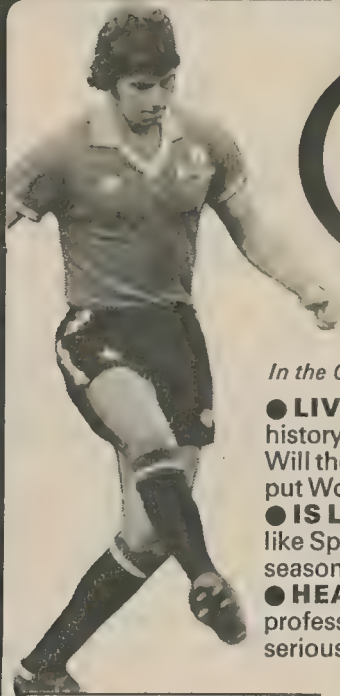
'Injured'

"Even when Coutinho called me into the 22, I didn't think I'd play. I was right... but when Rivelino was injured early on I was given my chance."

"Thankfully, all went well for me. Throughout my life I've had plenty of ups and downs. This year I've had a lot of 'ups' — tomorrow, who knows?"

"I take nothing for granted in football. I'm looking forward to the challenge of my new career in Mexico. But I realise anything could happen..."

● Dirceu's contract is for two years, his transfer fee was £200,000 and the player received £12,000 signing-on fee. His salary is £2,500 per month, he has a car and four tickets a year to Rio. América will release him to play for Brazil.



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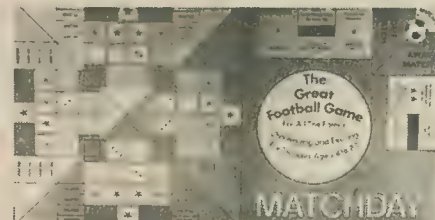
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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

compiled by JOHN PYKE

IPSWICH TOWN

Ray Crawford goes close for Ipswich against Aston Villa in 1962. Town went on to win the First Division Championship.



TWO CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SUCCESSIVE SEASONS

FOR a club that did not turn professional until 1936 and were elected to the Third Division (South) for the last full season before World War Two, F.A. Cup holders Ipswich Town can be rightly proud of their record.

The club itself was founded in 1880, but it was not until they entered the Southern League in 1936 Ipswich Town took the big plunge from the amateur world.

That they were capable of the change was proved when they won the Southern League Championship at the first attempt.

Their election to the Third (South) in the summer of 1938 also saw them finish a creditable seventh in the table.

Ipswich won 16, lost 14 and drew 12 of their 42 League match programme, with Chadwick finishing top scorer with 18 League goals.

The start of World War Two after just three League games of the 1939-40 season saw the finish of soccer at League level until 1946-47.

Ipswich then finished 6th, 4th, 7th, 17th, 8th, 17th, 16th, and in 1953-54 won promotion to the Second Division under manager Scott Duncan who had been in charge since 1937.

The rarified air of soccer in the Second Division obviously did not suit Town as they lasted only one season before finding themselves back in the Third (South) after finishing second from bottom of Division Two and were relegated with Derby County.

Relegation also saw the arrival of a new manager. Alf Ramsey had won fame as a full-back with Tottenham and England, but it was a new experience for him as he arrived at Portman Road in

August, 1955, for his first job as manager.

The following season Ipswich finished third and then in the next (1956-57) they won the Championship and bid farewell to the Third Division.

Quietly and in the efficient manner that was to win the World Cup for England in 1966, Ramsey set about building the side he wanted.

Formerly, supporters outside the Suffolk town could be excused for only noticing Ipswich as a soccer statistic on Saturday evenings. But that all changed in the 1960-61 season when Ipswich won the Second Division with a point to spare over Sheffield United.

The following season (1961-62), The Blues were to stun the football world when in their first-ever season of Division One soccer they won the League Championship.

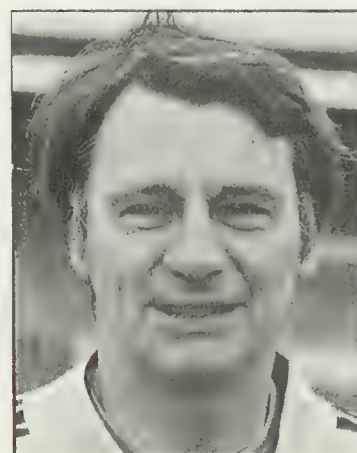
Top League Scorers

1973-74	Bryan Hamilton	16
1974-75	Trevor Whymark and Bryan Hamilton	10
1975-76	Trevor Whymark	13
1976-77	Trevor Whymark	14
1977-78	Paul Mariner	11

Ipswich blasted to the title as Ray Crawford with 33 goals, Ted Phillips with 28 goals hit 61 of the team's total of 93.

Ramsey accepted the England manager's job in October, 1962, although he stayed on till the end of the 1962-63 season as joint-manager with Jackie Milburn, the former Newcastle scoring favourite.

Championship success was followed by gloom as after finishing 17th the season following their



Bobby Robson

title win, Ipswich finished bottom of the First Division in the 1963-64 season. Sunk most likely by the weight of goals conceded — 121!

During that season Ipswich suffered their heaviest-ever defeat. It was also the day I not only missed a snow-storm, but a goal-storm as well.

Ipswich were playing Fulham at Craven Cottage on Boxing Day, 1963, and one look at the snow blizzard outside convinced me a second helping of turkey would be better than watching Ipswich.

The moral of the story is: "Never change your mind". Fulham hammered Ipswich 10-1 with Scottish international Graham Leggatt scoring four.

Milburn was succeeded by Bill McGarry and he saw them back into the First Division as Champions of the Second Division in April, 1968. McGarry then left to become manager of Wolves and Bobby Robson arrived in January, 1969.

Under Robson, Town had a near-miss from relegation in 1971 when they finished 19th. Since then, however, they have established themselves as one of the top teams in the First Division with five trips into European competitions in the last six seasons.

LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Result	Venue
Aug			
19	W.B.A.	1-2	A
22	Liverpool	0-3	H
26	Man. Utd.	3-0	H
Sept			
2	Middlesbrough	0-0	A
9	Aston Villa	0-2	H
16	Wolves	3-1	A
23	Bristol City		H
30	Southampton		A
Oct			
7	Coventry C.		A
14	Everton		H
21	Nottingham F.		A
28	Q.P.R.		H
Nov			
4	Arsenal		A
11	W.B.A.		H
18	Man. Utd.		A
21	Middlesbrough		H
25	Man. City		A
Dec			
2	Leeds U.		H
9	Tottenham H.		A
16	Bolton W.		H
22	Birmingham C.		A
26	Norwich C.		H
30	Chelsea		H
Jan			
1	Derby Co.		A
13	Aston Villa		A
20	Wolves		H
Feb			
3	Bristol C.		A
10	Southampton		H
17	Coventry C.		H
24	Everton		A
Mar			
3	Nottingham F.		H
10	Q.P.R.		A
17	Arsenal		H
24	Liverpool		A
31	Man. City		H
Apr			
7	Leeds U.		A
14	Norwich C.		A
16	Derby Co.		H
17	Birmingham C.		H
21	Bolton W.		A
28	Tottenham H.		H
May			
5	Chelsea		A

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IPSWICH ROLL OF HONOUR

First Division Championship: 1961-62
Second Division Championship: 1960-61, 1967-68
Third Division (South) Champions: 1953-54, 1956-57
F.A. Cup Winners: 1977-78

IPSWICH TOWN

BACK ROW (left to right): Russell Osman, Trevor Whymark, Paul Cooper, Laurie Sivell, Robin Turner, Les Tibbott.

CENTRE ROW: Eric Gates, John Wark, Mick Lambert, Allan Hunter, Kevin Beattie, Roger Osborne, David Geddis.

FRONT ROW: Bobby Robson (manager), Paul Mariner, Clive Woods, Mick Mills (with F.A. Cup), George Burley, Brian Talbot, Cyril Lea (coach).

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED

PEN PICTURES

(L. App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes. All records to end of the 1977-78 season).



Kevin Beattie

KEVIN BEATTIE: Top-class defender who has been plagued with injuries recently. Missed most of last season owing to cartilage trouble and had to miss the first England game this season through injury. First winner of the P.F.A. "Young Player of the Year" award in 1974. England Under-23 international with nine full caps. Born Carlisle. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 12.2. L. App:— 189 and 2 sub. G:— 22.

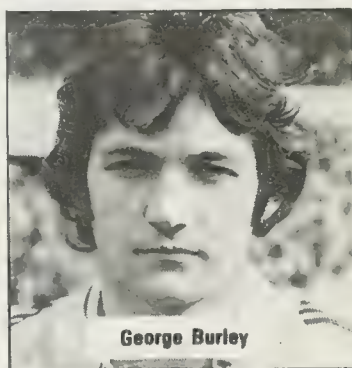
GEORGE BURLEY: Full-back signed professional for Ipswich in June, 1973. Capped by Scotland at Schoolboy, Youth, Under-21 and Under-23 and is on the verge of a full cap. Born Cumnock. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 10.5. L. App:— 164. G:— 3.

Ipswich by being substitute in the F.A. Cup Final v. Arsenal last season. Signed professional in December, 1967. Born Balsham. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 10.12. L. App:— 180 and 27 sub. G:— 39.

PAUL MARINER: Striker and Town's most expensive signing when they paid Plymouth Argyle £220,000 in a deal involving two Ipswich players moving to Plymouth in October, 1976. England B cap and five full caps. Born Bolton. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.12. L. App:— Plymouth 134 and 1 sub, Ipswich 65. G:— Plymouth 56, Ipswich 21.

MICK MILLS: Full-back and skipper of Ipswich. Released as youth player by Portsmouth and signed professional for Town in February, 1966. England Under-23 international and has 19 full caps. Holds the Ipswich Town League appearance record. Born Godalming. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 10.8. L. App:— 423 and 4 sub. G:— 16.

ARNOLD MUHREN: Midfield star of Dutch football signed from FC Twente in July, 1978 for £165,000.



George Burley

PAUL COOPER: Goalkeeper first signed on loan from Birmingham in April, 1974, and was then signed permanently for £30,000 in July of the same year. Born Cannock. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.10. L. App:— Birmingham 17, Ipswich 117.

ERIC GATES: Midfielder signed professional in October, 1972, with his League debut being against Derby County in October, 1975. Born Ferryhill. Ht. 5.5. Wt. 10.4. L. App:— 35 and 25 sub. G:— 4.

DAVID GEDDIS: Striker signed professional in August, 1975. Loaned to Luton Town two seasons ago. Last season was his first chance to shine in the first team and he took his opportunity in fine style. Laid on the winning goal in the F.A. Cup Final and toured the Far East with the England B side in the summer of 1978. Born Carlisle. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.2. L. App:— Luton (loan) 9 and 4 sub, Ipswich 20 and 8 sub. G:— Luton Town (on loan) 4, Ipswich 4.

ALLAN HUNTER: Central defender signed from Blackburn Rovers for £65,000 in September, 1971. Skipper of Northern Ireland with 46 caps. Born Sion Mills. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.7. L. App:— Oldham 83, Blackburn 84, Ipswich 259. G:— Oldham 1, Blackburn 2, Ipswich 6.

MICK LAMBERT: Winger who has been unlucky with injuries for the last two seasons, but he got his reward for his long service with



Paul Mariner

ROGER OSBORNE: Midfielder signed professional in October, 1972. Became the hero of Ipswich when he scored the only goal of the match to win the F.A. Cup for the club against Arsenal at Wembley in May. Sideline this season because of bad injury. Born Otley. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.11. L. App:— 104 and 13 sub. G:— 9.

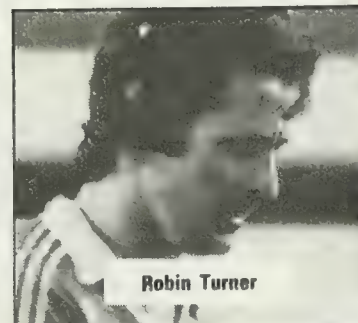
RUSSELL OSMAN: Versatile defender who can operate at full-back or as a central defender. Signed professional in March, 1976. Russell once skippered the England RUGBY schools side. Born Repton. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.10. L. App:— 28.

BRIAN TALBOT: Non-stop midfielder signed professional in August, 1972. Three times he has broken a leg, but made a great comeback each time. England Under-21 international and has five full caps. Toured the Far East with the England B side in the summer of 1978. Born Ipswich. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.9. L. App:— 156. G:— 22.

LES TIBBOTT: Defender signed professional in March, 1973. Has skippered the Welsh Under-21 side

and been included in the full Wales squad, but has yet to win a cap. Born Oswestry. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.6. L. App:— 41 and 2 sub.

ROBIN TURNER: Valuable member of the first team squad as he scored twice in the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup last season. Signed professional in April, 1973. Born Carlisle. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.8. L. App:— 12 and 7 sub.



Robin Turner

JOHN WARK: Strong running midfielder signed professional in August, 1974, who was in Scotland's original 40 for the 1978 World Cup. Scottish Under-21 international who also has skippered the side. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 10.4. L. App:— 57. G:— 15.

TREVOR WHYMARK: Striker signed professional in May, 1969. England Under-23 international and won a full cap when he came on as substitute v. Luxembourg last season. Unlucky to badly tear knee ligaments on Boxing Day, 1977, and missed most of the rest of the season. Born Norfolk. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.5. L. App:— 241 and 6 sub. G:— 73.

CLIVE WOODS: Fast winger signed professional in June, 1969. Called up for England squad training last season and won 'Man of the Match' award in the 1978 F.A. Cup Final. Born Norwich. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 9.10. L. App:— 167 and 51 sub. G:— 17.

STILL INJURY HIT

FOOTBALL supporters everywhere, outside North London that is, were pleased to see Ipswich win the F.A. Cup in May. A major trophy at Portman Road was just reward for the ten years' hard work manager Bobby Robson has put into the club.

In recent years Robson has seen his team come close to winning the League title as they finished third in 1974-75 and 1976-77, fourth in 1972-73 and 1973-74 and sixth in 1975-76.

Last season the club finished 18th in the First Division and there was even talk of relegation. But the League table will not reveal the long list of injuries that plagued the Suffolk club last term.

Winning the F.A. Cup around their walking wounded makes it even a finer performance.

Not that the injury hoodoo has eased up this season. Already they have had Allan Hunter, Roger Osborne, Clive Woods, David Geddis and Kevin Beattie out of the side. With the loss of Beattie and Hunter being a serious blow as they are pillars in the Ipswich defence that opposing



Ipswich players with the F.A. Cup after their 1-0 win v. Arsenal.

attacks have so often floundered against.

The signing of Arnold Muhren from Dutch club FC Twente for £143,000 is the

one new face in the side this season and his skilful play from midfield has already won him over to the Portman Road supporters.

FOOTBALL FUNNIES

"He's a rotten big show-off when it comes to his swerve shot"



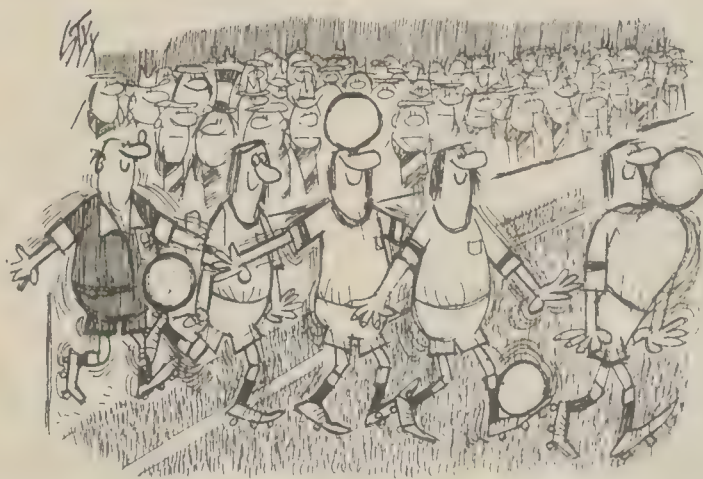
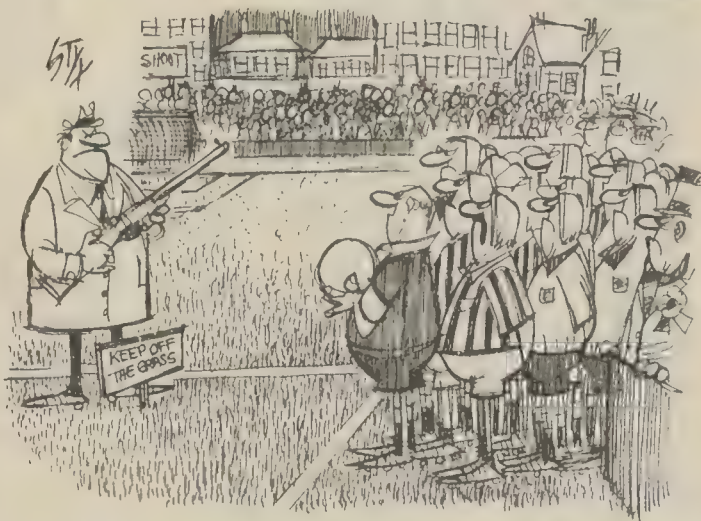
"That groundsman is always the same — scared stiff in case someone kicks up his precious turf"



This week Q.P.R. full-back IAN GILLARD selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"I'm the only one left in the team who speaks English"



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'Frank Worthington is in great scoring form'



LIVERPOOL's fantastic start to the season gives the lie to the saying "It's tough at the top". We're delighted at the way we've set the pace in the League and although we don't believe at Anfield in counting the trophies until they're won, we have high hopes of regaining the Championship.

Life is far tougher for teams at the bottom end of the table, in particular those newly-promoted and determined not to rebound into the Second Division after fighting so hard to get out of it.

Especially for Spurs, the only "new boys" we've played so far. As I predicted, they — despite the signings of John Lacy from Fulham and the two Argentines, Ardiles and Villa — are finding the going far from easy.

Goals are harder to come by in the top slot, where better-organised

defences mean strikers can't afford to let goal chances go begging.

This is a lesson Spurs are learning the hard way. Last season, although they conceded a large number of goals, they were able to score more against Second Division defences and get the results that brought promotion.

It was a nightmare for Spurs to come to Anfield on Saturday, September 2nd, and run into the red Liverpool "steamroller" in top gear. We flattened them by seven goals to nil, our best League result for years.

Of course, all eyes were focused on the two Argentines. Ardiles had impressed me as a cultured player in the World Cup Finals, but he wasn't one hundred per cent fit, still carrying an injury he had received in a mid-week League Cup match against Swansea.

Spurs' boss, Keith Burkinshaw —

an old friend of mine since our playing days together at Scunthorpe United — had severely criticised the tackle on Ardiles by Tommy Smith, Swansea's new signing from Liverpool, calling it vicious. I wasn't present at that game to see it, but all I can say is in my experience of playing with Tommy over many years he never set out to injure an opponent. He's been hard. But never unfair.

Villa looked a very useful player, but was called upon to do much in a team that became increasingly disorganised as we exploited the gaps in their defence and rattled up the goals.

Kenny Dalglish was in tremendous form, giving John Lacy a real

chasing.

Both full-backs, Don McAllister and Terry Naylor, were often exposed and got a bad Press. Don was so incensed he retaliated by saying: "Why should the four men in the back division get all the blame? That's nonsense! Whenever we let through a goal the whole team is responsible, not simply the defenders."

I think he has a good point there.

It's a pity Steve Perryman, among the best players in England, is having to play as the other member of

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Samuel Widdowson

I've discovered one of my old-time relatives was a man in football called Samuel Widdowson. What did he do to become well-known?

CHARLES SHORT, SOLIHULL

● Samuel Widdowson, Charles, was a Nottingham Forest forward — he played for England v. Scotland in 1880 — but is best-known as the man who invented shinguards.

The story goes that he was so often getting hacked down — yes, there were "villains" about on the pitch in those days, too — and, after several experiments, came up with the idea of shinguards as a way of protecting his battered legs from further damage.

Boxing Father

Is it true the father of Manchester United manager Dave Sexton was a professional boxer?

DANNY FRAWLEY, EIRE

● Quite true, Danny — and, what's more, he helped make a little spot of boxing history.

For Archie Sexton — a well-known professional welterweight and middleweight between 1926 and 1936 — took part in the first boxing to appear on a television screen anywhere in the world.

It was an exhibition bout, specially staged at Broadcasting House in London on 22nd August, 1933, to demonstrate to high-ups of the "new" industry — the world's first public TV service, from the BBC, was still 3½ years off —

how a small screen could cope with what they termed "rapid and unpredictable movements".

Sexton boxed several demonstration rounds with a fellow-Londoner named Lauri Raiten.

Finalists Rochdale

Is it true that Rochdale once played in a Football League Cup Final?

GRAEME HOWE, HERTS.

● It is, Graeme — in 1961/62, the second season of that competition, then the Final was played on a home-and-away aggregate score basis — and Rochdale were beaten by Norwich 3-0 at home and 1-0 away.

the back-four. His best position is in midfield. However, I admired him for the way he kept battling, even though Liverpool were in such irresistible form.

I expected more from Glenn Hoddle, hailed as a coming superstar, who worked hard without showing his usual clever touches.

I must put in a word for Barry Daines, not just because he's a fellow 'keeper, but because he's had to follow in the footprints of Pat Jennings, who won such a fabulous reputation with Spurs.

All credit to Barry that he is now making a name for himself. But for many marvellous saves, we would have doubled our score that afternoon.

As I predicted in my preview to the game, Spurs' defeat prevented me from having a few words with Keith Burkinshaw about old times and friends. He didn't just avoid talking to me — he refused to talk to anyone — something very understandable in the circumstances.

'Fantastic'

However, the next day he'd recovered his composure to pay us a fine tribute: "Liverpool were fantastic. I have never seen a club play like that — anywhere."

"They hit 40-50 yard passes to within a foot of a team-mate. We were left to pick up the pieces, but no one should take anything away from Liverpool, who produced a remarkable performance."

Thanks Keith. And I look forward to our return League game with Spurs on November 22nd — and a chat, whatever the result.

Right now I'm preparing for the visit to Anfield of another of the promoted clubs, Bolton Wanderers.

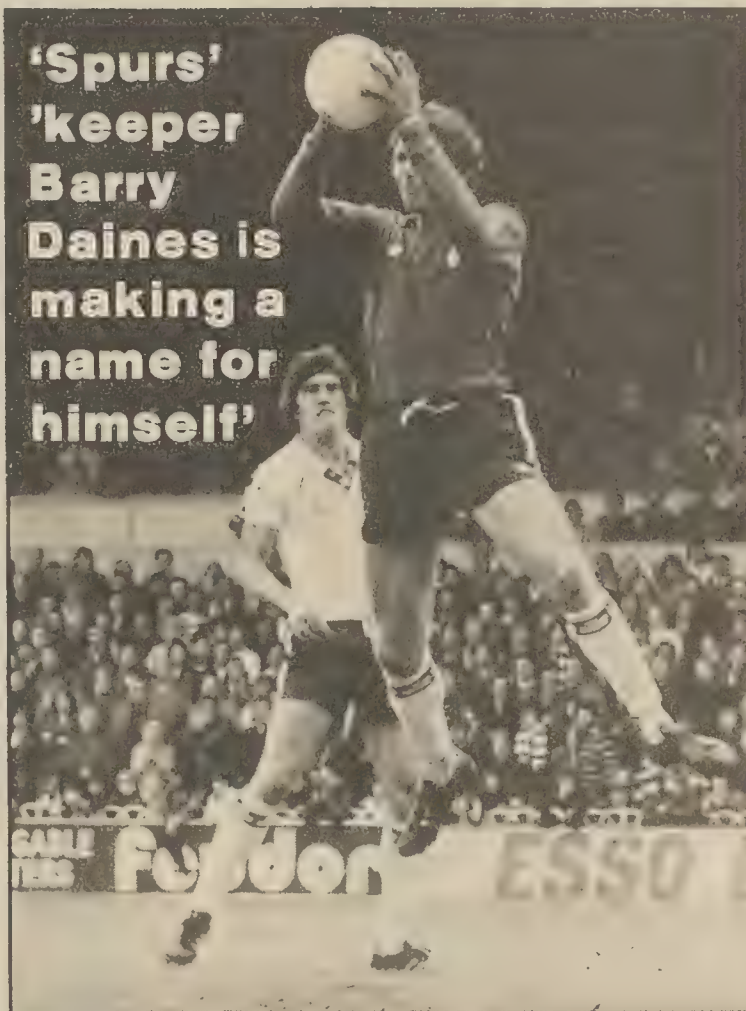
I still believe they will be the one out of the three promotion sides to fare best and finish somewhere safe in mid-table.

For three years they were, in my opinion, the best side in the Second Division and I was pleased when at last their efforts were rewarded with the Championship.

They particularly registered with me in a League Cup Semi-Final against Everton two years ago, looking First Division all through.

They've been unfortunate this season as injuries to regular players

'Spurs' 'keeper Barry Daines is making a name for himself'



have forced them to field two or three young, inexperienced lads. At such a crucial stage it's been a difficult baptism for them.

An encouraging sign has been the form of Frank Worthington, in great scoring form, with six goals in four games.

Winger Willie Morgan may have taken on too much by playing right through the summer for a team in the United States. I can understand his desire to earn as much as he can before he hangs up his boots, but I think playing without a break could have an adverse effect on him. I know I needed a rest, and games don't take as much out of a 'keeper as a midfielder like Willie.

At the back, Sam Allardyce and Paul Jones form a formidable pair, although Paul had been forced to play out of position at right-back for some games.

The inspiration behind Bolton is manager Ian Greaves, a man I know only by his reputation for strength of character and honesty. He showed these qualities at his previous club, Huddersfield Town, when he refused to bow to what he considered to be unfair demands from some players.

At Bolton, after two seasons when promotion eluded him in the final stages, he picked himself up — and his players — to make the third, successful push.

So far Bolton's home gates have been disappointing, probably due to the town's situation between the cities of Manchester and Liverpool, which each boast two famous clubs.

Even so, I expect we'll see a large contingent of Bolton fans at Anfield for Saturday's game. There could well be a full house.

Expectation of being beaten by a Liverpool team in rampaging form at home could benefit Bolton, allowing them to approach the game with a more relaxed attitude. Pressure to win previous games probably resulted in them trying too hard.

Competitors

Southampton so far look well worth their place in the First. One reason must be their tremendous team spirit, instilled by manager Lawrie McMenemy, who stayed loyal by refusing some very attractive offers to manage other clubs — notably Leeds United — and Alan Ball, still a tremendous competitor and motivator.

One of these days, Baillie will make his name as a manager. He's already tried the job for size in the States, and by all accounts showed great potential.

Ted MacDougall and Phil Boyer are still performing as one of the most effective goalscoring double-acts in the game. Outside the penalty box you can almost afford to ignore Ted. But inside, he's a menace.

Centre-half Chris Nicholl, a tremendous professional, and an example to younger team-mates, such as Steve Williams, is capable of getting goals as well as stopping them. It must have given him great satisfaction to score the goal against his former club, Aston Villa, in a recent 1-1 draw.

If Saints continue to hold their form, they, like Bolton, will again be playing against us in the First next term.

Ray Clemence

High and Low gates

What is the highest, and lowest, gate for a Football League game?

DANIEL WHITAKER, LONDON, N.W.3

● 83,260 people paid to see Manchester United play Arsenal in a First Division match on 17th January, 1948, Daniel.

That game was played at neighbouring Maine Road, as United's own ground was still out of action through wartime bombing.

But the League's lowest-ever gate of 13 did take place at Old Trafford. That was a Second Division match between Stockport County and Leicester City on 7th May, 1921, when Stockport's own ground was closed through suspension.

SHORT PASSES

● Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish was born in Glasgow on 4th March, 1951. **(ROSANNA BROWN, Hucknall)**

● Oxford United were elected to the Football League in 1962. **(T. W. HELYER, Coventry)**

● F.I.F.A. was formed in 1904; U.E.F.A. not until 1952. **(GARY HIGGS, Powys)**

● Roger Hunt's 245 League goals is a Liverpool aggregate record; his 41 in 1961-62 is the club's seasonal record.

(PAUL TALBOT, Wolverhampton)

● Kevin Keegan has captained England in seven full internationals.

(MOHAMMED SHABAN, Iraq)

● Jack Charlton's 629 League games for Leeds (1953-73) is the appearance record for the club.

(PAUL SMITH, Norwich)

● Steve Heighway was born in Dublin. He joined Liverpool from non-League Skelmersdale in May, 1970. **(SASSI SINGH, Coventry)**

● Gary Sprake gained 37 full international caps for Wales.

(MALCOLM GOLDTHORPE, Leeds)

● Chelsea's Ray Lewington was born in Lambeth, London, on 7th September, 1956.

(JOCELYN ROWE, Stevenage)

● Brian Clough played in two full internationals for England — the 1-1 draw with Wales, and the 2-3 defeat by Sweden, both in October, 1959.

(KARL EDWARDS, Portsmouth)

● Scunthorpe's best-ever finishing position in the League is fourth in Division Two in 1961-62.

(CHRISTOPHER RAMSBOTTOM, Scunthorpe)

● Former England 'keeper Gil Merrick holds the Birmingham City appearance record with 486 League games for the club (1946-60).

(M. FOLEY, Birmingham)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

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'Coventry City Can No Longer Be Called "Impostors"'

says manager GORDON MILNE

GORDON Milne defined what he considers to be the beginning of a new era for Coventry City when he said: "People no longer describe us as First Division impostors."

Milne, 41, and already the third longest-serving manager in the top flight behind Alan Dicks and Bobby Robson, believes City have at last turned a corner they have been negotiating uncomfortably for the past 11 years.

In an area where football tradition is ingrained in the earth, Coventry are still mere top-soil. They have never won the League Championship, League Cup or the F.A. Cup; never graced Wembley and experienced only disaster in their single, brief flirtation with European soccer in the 1971 Fairs Cup.

When Wolves, Aston Villa, West Bromwich Albion, Derby County and Birmingham City were dominating the Midlands, Coventry were scrambling out of the Third Division — a club with a dream they hardly dared reveal to their high-powered neighbours.

Then Jimmy Hill, complete with riding gear, strutted through the corridors of Highfield Road breathing inspiring commercialism and down to earth soccer sense. In 1967, Coventry won the Second Division title. They have not

looked back since.

Hill, perhaps wisely, got out at the top, leaving City to struggle in their new, unfamiliar environment. But they survived under Noel Cantwell and Bob Dennison until Milne arrived, fresh from a distinguished playing career, in 1972.

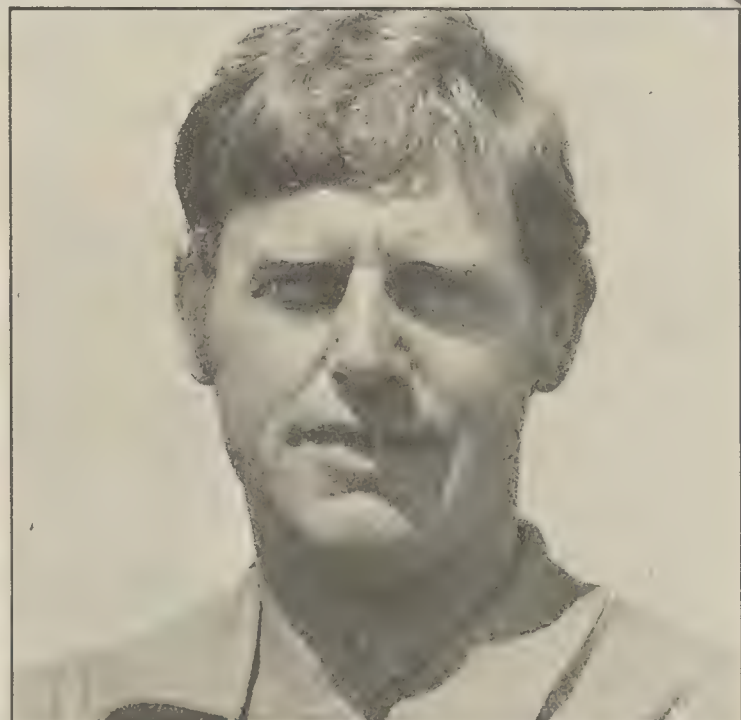
Today he manages one of the most exciting, attacking teams in the League, a team at last looking capable of challenging the established powers for success.

Milne said: "It has taken six years of hard graft and some sleepless nights to get where we are today. But the wait has been worthwhile. Unlike so many of my fellow managers, I have been allowed time to see the fruits of those six years come to fruition."

"When Joe Mercer and I came here, we knew our first job was to survive in the First Division. We had trouble with the bank. We were in the red. And life was difficult."

"But we did survive, sometimes by too close a margin for comfort, but I knew people saw us as impostors because we held on while the likes of Manchester United, Wolves, Spurs, Sunderland and Newcastle fell into the Second Division."

"We have no tradition. Perhaps that is our biggest handicap. This area is all about football history.



Anything we achieve now will be for the first time. And that is also something to look forward to."

"When Jimmy Hill came back as managing director we got down to looking at the long-term aims of the club. Our first job was to balance the books. So we had to sell some very good players to survive. This is often a tough business and I know fans do not always understand the problems."

"But we shifted a massive overdraft and discovered our youngsters were relishing the opportunity of rapid promotion to the first team. I know all about the perils of management. That is why I am so glad to be able to look back on those years, knowing I have the chance to build on them — a chance so many managers lose."

When it comes to pedigree, Milne is of the highest. In canine terms he would win "best of

breed" at Crufts. His playing career as a strong and skilful wing-half took in Preston North End (1957-60), Liverpool (1960-67) and Blackpool (1967-70).

"I remember my League debut against Portsmouth in season 1957-58 because I only played as cover for the injured Tommy Docherty," Milne recalled, "but I took my chance. Football is all about taking chances, no matter what aspect of the game you consider."

With Liverpool he won a Second Division Championship medal in 1952 and First Division Championship medals in 1964 and 1966. Injury kept him out of the 1965 F.A. Cup winning team who beat Leeds United 2-1. "But they struck a special winner's medal for me," said Milne, "because I played all the way to Wembley before injuring myself against Chelsea shortly before the Final."

Milne won 14 England caps and learned a lot about management from his three bosses. "Cliff Britton at Preston was a hard man, very inflexible. But he earned your respect. Stan Mortensen was a flamboyant character at Blackpool, a man who loved people to express themselves. He almost took Blackpool into the First Division. And Bill Shankly? Well, he is already immortal. So much of his greatness has to rub off."

"I watched, listened, compared and made my own decisions in the end. That is how it must be. You must be your own man."

"Now, with players such as Ian Wallace, Mick Ferguson, Les Sealey and all the talented young players at our disposal, we can attack the First Division with a confidence born of years of building, careful planning and, at last, financial security."

"Nobody knows what football holds in store for them. But we have gone a long way towards helping to shape our future. And before long I hope Coventry City have a tradition to match those clubs which surround us."



RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30th

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

(Second Round first-leg)

AIRDRIE (1) 3 (Goldthorpe, Jonquin, Lapsley)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 0 2,500

AYR (0) 1 (McLaughlin) 2,000
STRANRAER (0) 0

BERWICK (1) 1 (McLean)
ST. MIRREN (1) 3 (Stark, Bone, Richardson) 2,200

St. Mirren: Thomson; Beckett, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson, Stark, Bone, Abercrombie, McGarvey.

BRECHIN (0) 0
HIBS (1) 3 (Rae, Smith, Callaghan) 1,645
Hibs: McDonald; Kilgour, Smith, Bremner, Fleming (Rae), McNamara, O'Brien, McLeod, Duncan, Callaghan, Higgins.

CLYDE (2) 3 (Ahern pen., Ward, O'Neil pen.)
MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Marinello pen.) 1,500
Motherwell: Latchford; Millar, Wark, Boyd, Mackin, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, Larnach, McLaren, Lindsay.

COWDENBEATH (2) 3 (Steele pen., Harley 2)
HAMILTON (1) 2 (Davis o.g., Howie) 500

DUNDEE UTD. (1) 2 (McDonald o.g., Sturrock)
CELTIC (1) 3 (Lynch, McDonald, Conroy) 12,648

Dundee U.: McAlpine; Stewart, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Addison, Frye (Kirkwood), Holt, Payne.
Celtic: Latchford; Filippi, Lynch, Aitken, McDonald, Edvaldsson, Doyle, Conroy, McAdam, Burns, Conn (Wilson).

EAST FIFE (0) 0
ARBROATH (1) 1 (McKenzie) 914

HEARTS (0) 1 (Shaw)
MORTON (0) 3 (Ritchie, Scott, McNeil) 7,000
Hearts: Brough; Brown, Jefferies, McNicoll, Liddell, Shaw, Robertson, Bannan (Busby), Gibson, Tierney, Prentice (Smith).
Morton: Connaghan; Hayes, Holmes, Anderson, Orr, Rooney (McNeil), Russell (Rae), Miller, Thomson, Scott, Ritchie.

KILMARNOCK (2) 2 (McDowell, Street) 2,500
ALLOA (0) 0

MEADOWBANK (0) 0 1,000
ABERDEEN (3) 5 (Sullivan, Harper, Kennedy, Archibald, Fleming)
Aberdeen: Gardiner; Kennedy, McLelland, McMaster, Garner, Miller, Sullivan, Archibald (Fleming), Harper, Jarvie, Scanlon.

PARTICK (0) 1 (McRoberts o.g.) 3,500
FALKIRK (0) 1 (McRoberts)
Partick: Rough; Campbell, Whittaker, Marr, McAdam, O'Hara, Houston, Melrose, McQuade, Somner (Mackie), Craig.

RANGERS (2) 3 (Cooper, McLean, Smith)
FORFAR (0) 0 5,000
Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Forsyth (A), Johnston, Johnstone, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Parlane (Urquhart), Smith, Cooper.

RAITH (3) 4 (Wallace 4)
QUEEN'S PARK (1) 2 (Ballantyne, McDonald) 2,000

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Gibb)
CLYDEBANK (0) 0 500

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1

THIRD DIVISION

SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Parker, Taylor, K...)
PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Megson) 5,938

Southend: Cawston; Dudley, Yates, Laverick, Walker, Hadley, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Polycarpou, Fell.
Plymouth: Burns; Bason, Rogers, Trusson, Foster, Perrin, Fear, Graves (Harrison), Brennan, Megson, Johnson.

FOURTH DIVISION

DONCASTER 0
SCUNTHORPE 0 4,667
Doncaster: Peacock; Owen, Bentley, Olney (Meagan), Bradley, Taylor, Habbins, Lewis, Snodin, French, Laidlaw.
Scunthorpe: Crawford; O'Donnell, Peacock, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Grimes, Kilmore, Wigg, Keeley (Bloomer), Pilling.

STOCKPORT (0) 0
WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Cork) 5,604
Stockport: Rogan; Thorpe, Rutter, Thompson, Park, Edwards, Summerbee (Prudham), Halford, Bradd, Loadwick, Lee.
Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant, Eames, Galliers, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie (Knowles), Briley, Denny, Cork, Parsons.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (4) 5 (Rix 2, Brady, Stapleton 2)
Q.P.R. (0) 1 (McGee) 33,474
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Walford, Stapleton, Rix.
Q.P.R.: Parkes; Shanks, Gillard, Roeder, Howe, Hollins, McGee, Francis, Eastoe, Bowles, Busby.

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Gray)
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Nicholl) 34,067
Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Shelton, Little, Gray, Cowans, Carrodus.
Southampton: Wells; Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Andruszewski (Hebberd), Curran.

BOLTON (0) 2 (Worthington 2, 1 pen.)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 2 (Francis 2) 20,284
Bolton: McDonagh; Graham, Burke, Greaves, Welsh, Allardice, Morgan, Whatmore, Worthington, Gowing, Train.
Birmingham: Freeman; Calderwood, Rathbone, Towers, Gallagher, Howard, Barrowclough, Francis, Givens, Ainscow, Dillon (Emmanuel).

CHELSEA (0) 0
LEEDS (1) 3 (Graham, Hawley 2) 30,099
Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Harris, Hay, Droy, Wicks, Swain, Wilkins, Langley, Stanley, Walker.
Leeds: Stewart; Stevenson, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Hampton, Hankin, Hawley, Currie, Graham.

DERBY (0) 0
COVENTRY (0) 2 (Hunt, Wallace) 21,435
Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Daly, McFarland, Todd, Powell, Nish (Daniel), Ryan, George, Carter.
Coventry: Sealey; Roberts, McDonald, Beck, Holton, Gillespie, Hunt, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.

LIVERPOOL (3) 7 (Dalglish 2, Kennedy R, Johnson 2, Neal pen., McDermott)
TOTTENHAM (0) 0 50,705
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hughes (Johnson), Dalglish, Case, Heighway, McDermott, Souness.
Tottenham: Daines; McAllister, Naylor, Hodde, Lacy, Perryman, Villa, Ardiles, Taylor, Duncan, McNab.

MAN. UTD (0) 1 (Buchan)
EVERTON (1) 1 (King) 53,982
Man. U: Roche; Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Greenhoff (B), Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Jordan, Macari, McCreery.
Everton: Wood; Darracott, Pejic, Lyons, Wright, Nulty, King, Dobson, Latchford, Walsh, Thomas.

MIDDLESBROUGH 0
IPSWICH 0 14,427
Middlesbrough: Stewart; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, Ramage, Proctor, Mills, Ashcroft, Woolf, Armstrong.
Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Osman, Beattie, Lambert, Wark, Mariner, Muhren, Woods.



Mike Docherty was on the scoresheet for Sunderland in their 3-1 win v. Preston.

NORWICH (1) 1 (Chivers)
MAN. CITY (0) 1 (Channon) 18,607
Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Hoadley, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Chivers, Robson, Peters.
Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Power, Booth, Fletcher (P), Channon, Hartford, Fletcher (R), Owen, Barnes.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST 0
W.B.A. 0 28,239
Nottm. F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Elliott, Woodcock, Robertson.
W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Cantello, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Cunningham, Johnston.

WOLVES (1) 2 (Rodgers o.g., Hibbitt)
BRISTOL C (0) 0 16,121
Wolves: Bradshaw; Daniel, Palmer, Parkin, Berry, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Bell, Daley.
Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Gillies, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle (Cormack), Mann, Whitehead.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (1) 3 (Radford, Gregory, Hird pen.)
ORIENT (0) 0 6,781
Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Fowler, Gregory, Radford, Waddington, Aston.
Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Greulich, Gray, Hughton, Godfrey, Banjo, Mayo, Kitchen, Bennett (Kane).

BRISTOL R (2) 4 (Grapes o.g., Randall, Staniforth 2)
CARDIFF (0) 2 (Roberts, Buchanan pen.) 6,855
Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bate, Day, Taylor, Williams, Prince, Dennehy (Gould), Randall, Staniforth, Barry.
Cardiff: Davies; Thomas, Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Roberts, Grapes, Burns, Dwyer, Harris, Buchanan.

BURNLEY (1) 2 (Noble pen., Brennan)
NOTTS. CO. (1) 1 (McCulloch) 9,961
Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Cochrane, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, Smith.
Notts. Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Benjamin, Blockley, Stubbs, McCulloch, Hunt, Green, Mann (Hooks), Vinter.

CAMBRIDGE 0
NEWCASTLE 0 8,404
Cambridge: Webster; Howard, Smith, Streete (Murray), Graham, Fallon, Cozens, Spriggs, Buckley, Finney, Biley.
Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Kelly, Cassidy, Bird, Barton, Suggett, Pearson, Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.

LUTON (1) 3 (Hatton, Stein, Hill) 8,509
CHARLTON (0) 0 9,238
Luton: Aleksic; Jones, Aislewood, Hill, Turner (West), Price, Donaghy, Fuccillo, Stein, Hatton, Boersma.
Charlton: Wood; Berry, Campbell, Tydeman, Shipperley, Dugdale, Brisley, Hals, Flanagan, Peacock, Gritt.

MILLWALL (1) 1 (Seasman)
BRIGHTON (1) 4 (Maybank 2, Horton, Poskett) 9,238
Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Moore (Mehmet), Allen, Kitchener, Hazell, Hamilton (B), Seasman, Mitchell, Walker, Lee.
Brighton: Steele; Tiler, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Townef, Poskett, Maybank, Clark (Sayer), O'Sullivan.

OLDHAM (0) 1 (Steel)
STOKE (0) 1 (Richardson) 11,297
Oldham: McDonnell; Bernard (Bell), Blair, Gradner, Hicks, Hurst, Steel, Young, Halom, Chapman, Heaton.
Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Dodd, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks (Busby), Richardson.

SHEFF. UTD (0) 0
C. PALACE (2) 2 (Hilaire, Elwiss) 17,388
Sheff. U: Conroy; Cutbush, Calvert, Keeley, Matthews (Franks), Speight, Woodward, Stainrod, Varadi, Hamson, Sabella.
C. Palace: Burridge; Sansom, Hinshelwood, Chatterton, Cannon, Gilbert, Murphy, Nicholas, Swindlehurst, Elwiss, Hilaire.

SUNDERLAND (1) 3 (Entwistle, Docherty, Greenwood)
PRESTON (0) 1 (Robinson) 16,819
Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Clarke, Elliott, Gilbert, Greenwood, Docherty, Entwistle, Buckley, Rowell.
Preston: Tunks; Haslegrave, Wilson, Doyle, Baxter, Cross, Burns, Spavin (Potts), Thomson, Robinson, Bruce.

WEST HAM (0) 0
FULHAM (1) 1 (Margerison) 25,778
West Ham: Ferguson; Lampard, Brush, Holland, Taylor (T), Bonds, Curbishley, Pike, Cross, Taylor (A), (McDowell), Robson.
Fulham: Peyton; Strong, Lock, Money, Banton, Gale, Bullivant, Davies, Mahoney, Margerison, Evanson.

WREXHAM 0
LEICESTER 0 12,785
Wrexham: Davies; Hill, Kenworthy, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle (Williams), Cartwright.
Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, May, Sims, Kelly, Kember, Goodwin, Hughes, Davies (Williams), Christie.

THIRD DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (0) 3 (Spence 3)
CARLISLE (0) 1 (Kemp) 7,789
Blackpool: Ward; Garner, Pashley, Thompson, Suddaby, McEwan, Hockaday, Ronson, Spence, Chandler, Davidson.
Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, MacDonald, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Kemp, Lumby, Hamilton.

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Kowalski)
OXFORD (1) 1 (Duncan) 4,200
Chesterfield: Letharan; Tarrt, Burton, Hunter, Cottam, O'Neill, Cammack, Fern (Flavell), Walker, Kowalski, Salmons.
Oxford: Burton; Kingston, Fogg, Briggs, Stott (Curran), Jeffrey, McGrogan, Taylor, Foley, Seacole, Duncan.

COLCHESTER 0
ROTHERHAM 0 2,448
Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wright, Packer, Wignall, Downman, Foley, Gough, Dyer, Rowles, Allinson.
Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Green, Flynn, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Crawford, Smith.

EXETER (1) 2 (Bowker 2)
BRENTFORD (2) 2 (McCulloch 2) 3,604
Exeter: O'Keefe; Templeman, Hore, Randall, Giles, Roberts, Hodge (Williams), Kellow, Bowker, Dolve, Hatch.
Brentford: Porter; Tucker, Allen, Salman, Kruse, Graham (W), Carlton, Graham (J), Alder, McCulloch (Walker), Phillips.

GILLINGHAM (2) 2 (Overton, Westwood)
WATFORD (2) 3 (Joslyn 2, Blissett) 8,248

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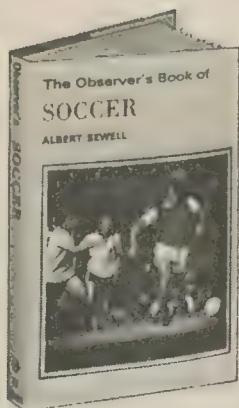
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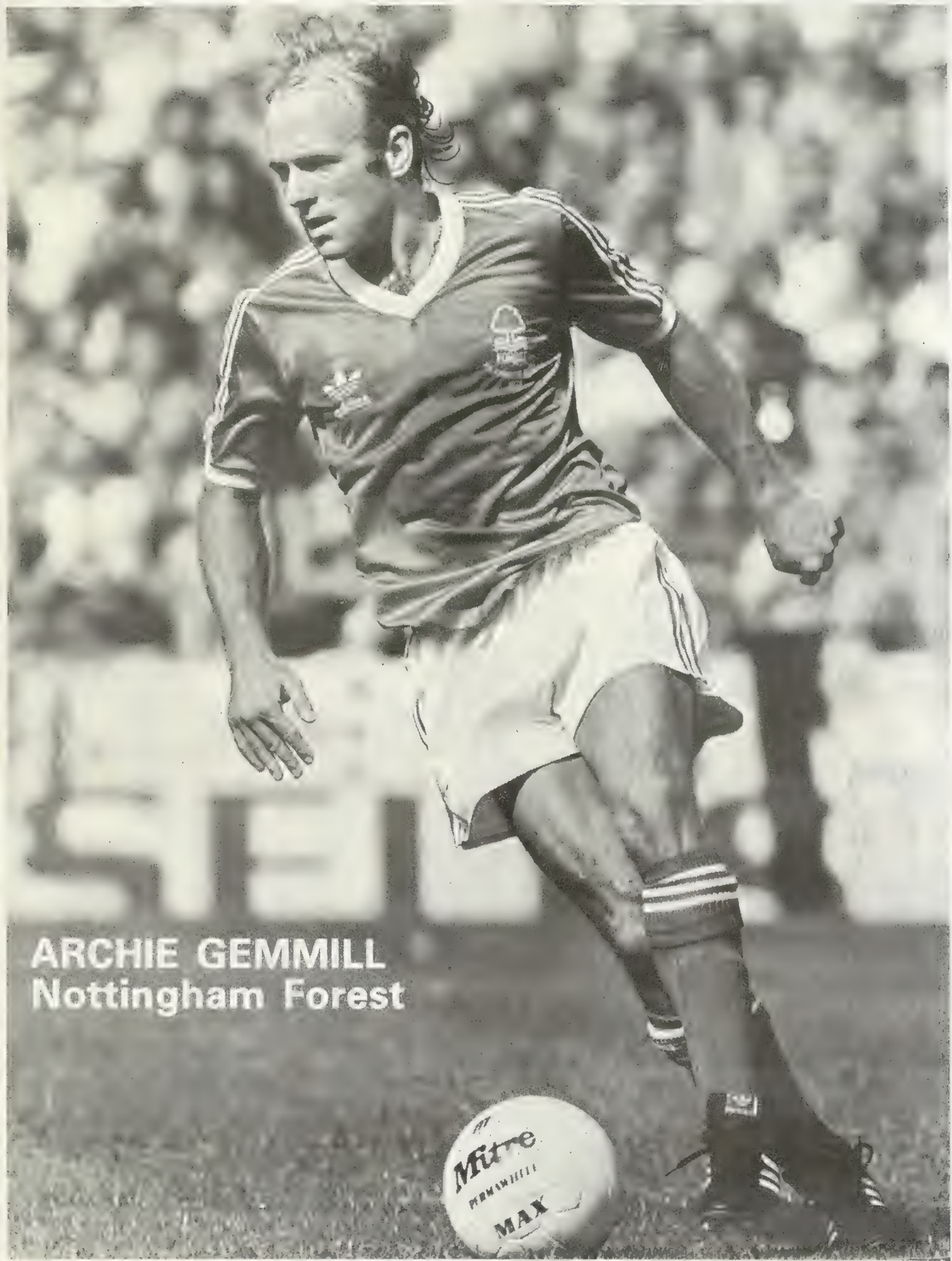
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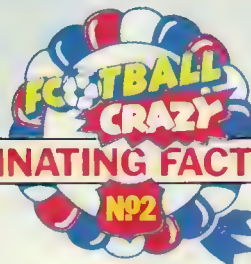
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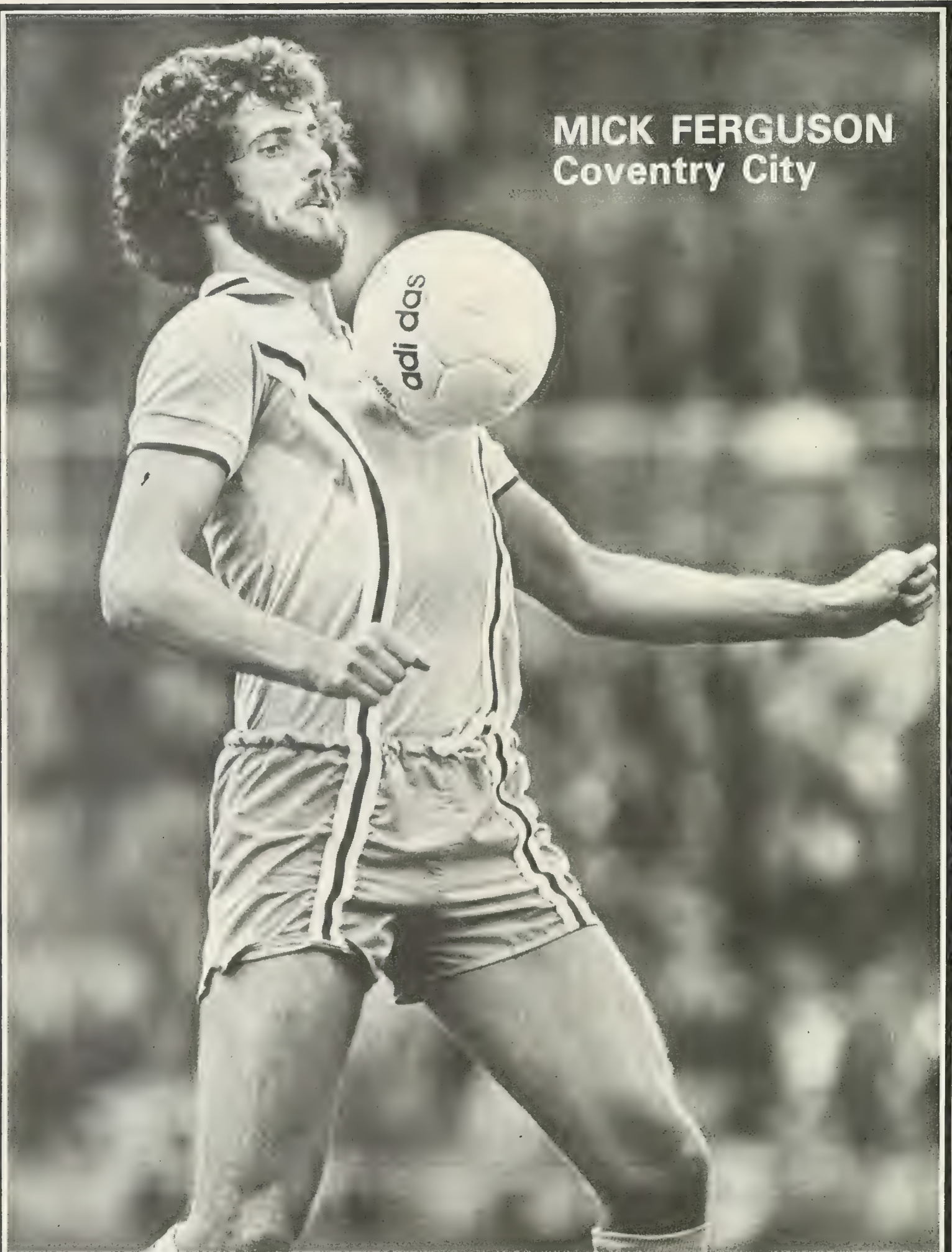


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'Bomber' about to strike a club record

ANY week now, Tony "Bomber" Brown will raise his arms in triumph as another club record is entered in the history books.

Brown started this season needing just four League goals to beat the West Bromwich Albion goal aggregate record for the club.

When he breaks it with his 209th League goal, it will mean a remarkable double for the West Brom star. Already he holds the League appearance record at the club having broken it early in the 1976-77 season.

The previous appearance record-holder was Jesse Pennington with 455 League games plus 39 F.A. Cup-ties between March, 1903, and May, 1922. Jesse was one of Albion's all-time greats.

Brown is also on the verge of breaking the goalscoring record of another former player who will always be remembered at The Hawthorns.

He was Ronnie Allen who scored his 208 League goals in 415 League games. One record Tony Brown cannot equal is that all of Allen's goals were scored in Division One.

Unique

Allen, who resigned as manager of the club in the 1977-78 season, holds another unique record.

He is the only player in the Football League to have scored in each of the first 20 seasons after World War Two. One fact both players have in common, however, is that despite their amazing goalscoring record, neither can claim a cupboard full of England caps.

Allen won five caps between May, 1952, and November, 1954. While Tony Brown has one England appearance to his name. That came at Wembley on May 19th, 1971, when England drew 0-0 with Wales.

It may be worth recalling that England team. Apart from Brown, it contained two other great goalscorers in Frannie Lee and Geoff Hurst. The team was: Shilton, Lawler, Cooper, Smith, Lloyd, Hughes, Lee, Coates, Hurst, Brown and Peters.

Ironically, another famous club player who also made his sole England appearance in that game was Liverpool's (now Swansea) Tommy Smith.

Brown was born in Oldham in October, 1945, and Albion is his only League club. His loyalty is shown by the fact he has appeared in several positions without complaint.

His right foot is the scoring peg goalkeepers fear and heaven forbid the opponents who give



Albion the present of a penalty. Brown rarely misses and is on his way to his 50th penalty goal for the club.

He was top League scorer in the First Division in the 1970-71 season with 28 goals, and apart from his England appearance has also played for the Football League and won a League Cup winner's medal in 1966 and was on the losing side in the same competition.

But his club highlight came with winning an F.A. Cup winners medal when Albion beat Everton 1-0 in the Final at Wembley in 1968.

Appearances

Not that Wembley has happy goalscoring memories for Brown. Despite his remarkable scoring record for the club, he has yet to score after four appearances on the Wembley pitch (three for West Bromwich Albion and once for England).

Brown has netted 16 League Cup goals in his career up to the start of this season, and it is a remarkable fact 11 of them came in the 1965-66 season when Albion won the trophy by beating West Ham in the Final on aggregate in the last competition before it moved to Wembley.

Add the F.A. Cup goals to his 205 League goals and Brown has proved that he is one of the most consistent scorers playing.

Brown's consistent record is shown in our chart. His loyalty and wholehearted endeavours on the pitch are something every youngster entering the game should try to emulate.

Brown's Career Details

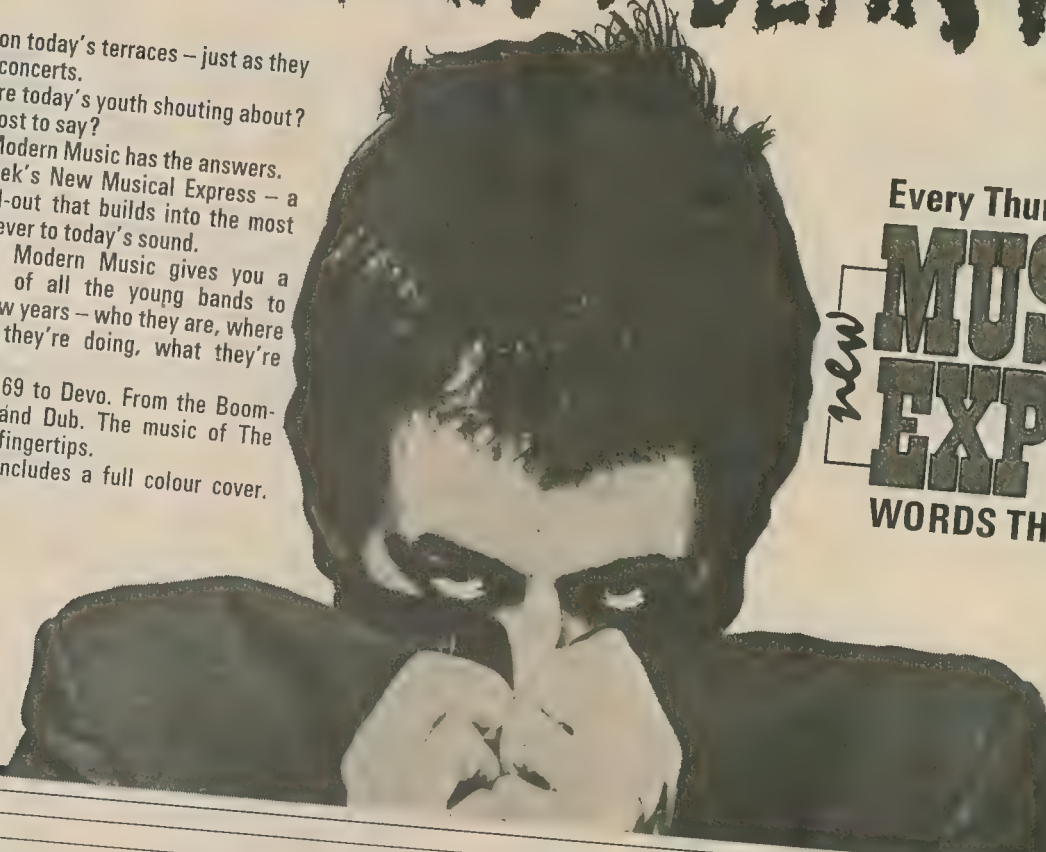
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1966-67	31	14	1	—	15
1967-68	35	11	4	—	15
1968-69	42	17	2	1	20
1969-70	40	10	1	2	13
1970-71	42	28	2	—	30
1971-72	40	17	1	—	18
1972-73	38 + 1 sub.	12	1	1	14
1973-74	41	19	4	—	23
1974-75	32 + 2 sub.	12	1	—	13
1975-76	37 + 3 sub.	8	4	—	12
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Q.P.R.'s Peter Eastoe (left) and John Hollins with a couple of young fans.

Is There A Motivator About?

WHO or what is a motivator?

That you may well ask. Well, the answer is motivators are about to be appointed all over the country as part of a Sports Council scheme whereby greater opportunities are to be given to young football supporters through their local clubs.

The motivator will be a person appointed through the local authority whose job it will be to encourage youngsters to take an active part in sport — this is one way it's hoped hooliganism will be reduced.

Grants totalling £850,000 towards schemes worth an estimated £2 million have been offered by the Sports Council in this drive aimed at developing Football League club grounds.

The motivators are just part of this scheme, but already many clubs have indicated an interest in appointing such a person — many of whom would be professional players.

Approaches to Football League clubs began in May after the Government gave the Sports Council £1,000,000 to develop community sports facilities at selected football grounds and a further £500,000 to be spent mainly on schemes in socially deprived inner city areas.

'Involved'

Chairman of the Sports Council Dickie Jeeps, the former England rugby union international, said: "One million pounds is not enough to change the face of 92 Football League clubs, but at least we can begin to get them more involved."

Q.P.R. are among the clubs whose players may be employed as coaches and motivators to attract local youngsters to training sessions. People like John Hollins, Phil Parkes and Ian Gillard have already been out to mix with the kids.

Other schemes where grants have been offered are:

Middlesbrough — sports hall at training ground and outdoor all-weather pitch	£50,460
Carlisle — Covered training pitch adjacent to stadium	£25,000
Sheffield Wednesday — Fencing, floodlighting of kickabout area and pavilion.	Appointment of motivators £55,000

Huddersfield Town — 5-a-side soccer pitch with a synthetic surface and a multi-purpose area. Appointment of club staff as motivators £41,666

Sheffield United — Refurbishing indoor cricket shed as an indoor sports centre. Appointment of club staff as motivators £41,000

Leicester City — 5-a-side practice area in synthetic turf. Appointment of motivators £55,088

Notts County — Covered kickabout area and appointment of motivators £32,813

Norwich City — Provision of sports hall, equipment and floodlighting. Appointment of motivators £63,150

Portsmouth — Use of training hall by community. Development of scheme using motivators to promote Leagues based on local authority kickabout area £36,750

Reading — Resurfacing car park as kickabout area and appointment of motivators £33,200

Bristol City — Resurfacing of kickabout area and appointment of motivators £49,500

Aston Villa — Sports centre as part of major shopping complex £150,000

Wolverhampton Wanderers — Appointment of motivator £5,000

West Bromwich Albion — Appointment of motivator £5,000

Naturally the scheme has been welcomed with open arms by the football authorities. Alan Hardaker, secretary of the Football League, said it was the greatest thing to have happened to British football in years and he felt now we would catch up with the Real Madrids of this world who had benefited from such schemes over a number of years.

Players' secretary Cliff Lloyd said all his members would be glad to co-operate in any way they could, and Jack Charlton, manager of Sheffield Wednesday, said the clubs had a great opportunity now to help members of their local communities.

He warned clubs mustn't try to use the scheme for their own ends by employing an extra gateman or painting the stand (there is a stipulation to this effect in the awarding of a grant) but he felt if clubs approached the business properly British football and clubs in general would benefit all-round.

'Forget The Past'~ Mike Bailey, Hereford United's Player-Manager, Tells His Players



ENTERTAINMENT with a capital "E". That's the aim of Mike Bailey, as he sets about restoring the Edgar Street club to happier winning ways.

Dropping from the Second Division to the Fourth in consecutive seasons has left its depressing mark.

Now Bailey, who took over the reins during the close-season, is out to change that.

"All the time I was with Wolverhampton Wanderers they tried to live up to their reputation of playing attacking soccer. The kind spectators love to see.

"And ever since I walked through the door here, I've never preached anything else.

"My footballing philosophy is simple. The more you play in the opposition's half, the less chance they've got to build their own attacks to pressurise you.

"I know it's never quite as simple as that, when you're out there on the park. But that's basically what I'm looking to achieve.

'Example'

"I can't give my lads any better example of what I want, than to tell them to take a look at Watford.

"Graham Taylor has worked wonders there. Not only building a successful side, but one that's attractive to watch, too.

"It would be terrific if we could follow along similar lines.

"Naturally, winning is important, but equally, playing the kind of football that brings in the fans means a great deal to a club like ours.

"It speaks for itself that people aren't going to come along to have the pants bored off them. So you've got to entertain."

Mike, a long and faithful servant of Wolves after his move from Charlton for £40,000 in March, 1966, played his final League game for them on October 30th, 1976.

The last two seasons he's spent in America, under the guidance of ex-Birmingham City boss, Freddie Goodwin, at Minnesota Kicks.

"I've got a great deal of respect for Freddie, and watching him work at close quarters has been a tremendous help to me," insisted Bailey, who had always nurtured ideas of becoming a soccer boss.

"I know management's a difficult business. Pretty precarious, too. Although everyone who goes into it, does so with their eyes open.

"You can only do your best, no matter what anyone else says.

"I would have been quite

happy working as a player-coach under someone else over here, for a while.

"But when the top job came up at Hereford last season, I decided to apply for it."

The club didn't want to make an appointment until the season had ended, by which time Mike was back in America.

"But I followed the thing up from over there," he said, "and they asked me to come back for an interview, before handing me the position.

"To be perfectly honest, I hadn't seen the club play since Wolves beat them 6-1 in the Second Division, back in 1976.

"But it didn't take me long to discover people here were still pretty disheartened after that double relegation blow.

"We played Bristol Rovers away, in the First Round first-leg of the League Cup, and as soon as we went 2-0 down, the heads began to drop.

"After the game I made it quite clear, I wasn't prepared to put up with that kind of thing.

"I pointed out I wasn't interested in what had happened over the last couple of years. As far as I was concerned, we were starting from scratch.

Duties

"I wanted people to look forward to the future — not back at the past." Mike is quite sure he can continue to combine playing with management, without it having an adverse effect on either of his duties.

"I know some people frown on the idea. But I've always been the type who likes to be in the thick of the action.

"I believe I can best get over to my lads what I want, by being out there with them.

"It gives me the opportunity to have a quiet word with one or two of them if and when I think it's necessary. And all in all, I feel much more involved."

Obviously, the ultimate aim of the club is to eventually get back into the Second Division.

"They made it once, so we can do it again," insists Mike.

Only this time, as they progress, he intends to steadily build a much stronger squad than the club had before.

"The reason the club tumbled down the League when they did was because strengthening wasn't carried out when it should have been," says Bailey.

"It's going to take an awful lot of hard work to start climbing again, and I don't intend having it all ruined by falling into the same trap a second time."

Beware Of 'Lazy' Ritchie

THE defence hesitated for one fatal second and that was all Morton's sparkling personality Andy Ritchie needed.

Skipper and right-back Davie Hayes had just hammered the ball over from the bye-line and the Celtic rearguard was caught turning. Ritchie, in a packed penalty-area of flying boots, stayed superbly calm as he tamed the ball and, in the same movement, hit it as it dropped and goalkeeper Peter Latchford's frantic dive was hopelessly in vain.

Ritchie was saluted by his delighted mates as the Celtic defenders looked slightly baffled at the speed of the entire piece of magic. Cries of "Ritchie's A Reject" from the Parkhead fans were strangled in their throats.

The player, of course, started his career with Celtic, but was allowed to go to Morton three seasons ago in part exchange for goalkeeper Roy Baines, who is now Latchford's understudy.

Now there is mounting speculation about the player. He seems destined to join the star trek to England and West Ham, looking for a quick return to the First Division after relegation last season,

have already been linked with the player who was a virtual giveaway not that long ago, but is now worth around the £80,000 mark.

Critics say Ritchie is far too lazy and he knows nothing about work-rate. Certainly the player is at his most dangerous when it looks as though he has faded out of things entirely.

In the game against Celtic, which Morton eventually lost 2-1, he was rarely seen until he hit that spectacular goal. Yet Ritchie's goal record speaks for itself. In the first five games of the season, including two Anglo-Scottish Cup games against Raith Rovers and two friendlies against Watford and Meadowbank Thistle, he was on the target seven times.

"Okay, Andy isn't an all-out worker," says skipper Hayes, "but he has a vital role in our team. He is far from a luxury as some people seem to think."

"He plays to his strengths as every individual must do. I think I am a better right-back than Andy will ever be . . . but, at the same time, I'll never be able to score the goals he does."

"We have got a team of workers, of runners and hustlers. We put

the accent on football, of course, but we have a lot of buzzers in the side, players who continually chase and harry the opposition.

"When we win the ball we know to whom we can hit it. Andy is always there to accept a pass. And he is not the sort of player who can be easily marked out of a game if the opposing team put a 'shadow' on him. His close control is second to none and he is very awkward to knock off the ball."

"He is an added ingredient to our play, if you like. He is a plus factor every team would like. He is so unpredictable you just cannot afford to leave him alone for a second."



"And if clubs spend too much time wondering what Andy Ritchie is going to come up with next, then we have fine players such as Bobby Russell, Ally Scott and Bobby Thompson who can punish them."

Ritchie was bitterly disappointed when the time came for him to leave Parkhead. A lot of people thought if such a shrewd judge of soccer character as Jock Stein would let him go then he didn't have what it took to make it at the very top.

The player, though, has different ideas. And he keeps proving them week in, week out. Much to the annoyance of rival defences.



TOMMY GEMMELL should have been enjoying himself, but, clearly, he was not. His team Dundee were taking two valuable points from promotion rivals Ayr United away from home, but the strain was telling on the Dens Park manager.

The man with the looks of Danny Kaye and a smile that can split his face is only too aware of what failure will mean if Dundee don't grab one of those two valuable promotion places at the end of the season.

The full-time policy the club has maintained during their two years out of the top flight will almost certainly end and there could be other changes.

Gemmell has worked long and hard to give the Dundee fans a team

'NO SLACKING' Tommy Gemmell's warning to his Dundee promotion-seekers

they can be proud of once again. He has brought players such as Billy Williamson, Bobby Gleanie, Erich Schaedler, Jocky Scott, Jim Shirra and Ian MacDougall to the club and this season he has bought goalscoring full-back Les Barr, from Montrose, sturdy defender Willie Watson, from Motherwell, and Hibs striker Alex McGhee.

The former Celtic personality player — still the only Briton to score in two European Cup Finals which he achieved with the Parkhead side in '67 and '70 — hopes he has found a settled blend at last.

"We will work hard for everything we get," he says. "There must be no 'slacking'. Everyone knows what is expected and demanded. This is a tough Division and it will take 100 per cent effort to achieve promotion."

Gemmell makes no rash promises. He has seen the two sides of football life. He enjoyed the glory years as a Celtic and Scotland player. He revelled in the big-time atmosphere, the important European clashes and the vital international matches.

He left Parkhead under a cloud which was a terrible pity. He had



Gemmell has brought plenty of new faces to Dens Park, including Billy Williamson (above).

been good for the club and the club had been good for him. When the parting came the fans were sad.

Gemmell had a short spell with Nottingham Forest, but never really settled and was happy to come back to Scotland when former Rangers manager Davie White signed him for Dundee.

Ironically, the first big game Gemmell was involved in after his return was against his old club Celtic . . . and he finished on the winning side as the Dens Park club shocked their Parkhead counterparts 1-0 in the League Cup Final at rain-soaked Hampden six seasons ago.

Dundee were one of the most exciting teams in Scotland then and a lot of critics tipped them as being the first provincial club since Kilmarnock in '65 to break the Old Firm domination of the League Championship.

Those days must seem a long, long time ago now for the Dundee fans. The side has taken on a new look over those six years, but Gemmell hopes now the rhythm will return to Dens Park and his club will once again be a feared name.

Gemmell has proved to be adventurous in the transfer market and he deserves any success that might come his way. When he signed Les Barr he was really signing 'Gemmell Mark II' for the former Montrose player just loves to come launching into attack in the same manner as his new boss once did.

That's the sort of form and flamboyance Tommy Gemmell is trying to reintroduce at Dens Park. It will be good to see him smiling again if his club get promotion.

DEREK JOHNSTONE

ONE THING I don't particularly enjoy when I'm not playing football is watching football! That may surprise some of you who can't get enough of the game.

Actually, when I was out for a spell through injury a couple of seasons ago I did watch some matches . . . but I didn't go to see Rangers. I just could not have stood the tension. I would have been kicking every ball in the stand and getting frustrated if things weren't going our way. I would hate to watch them.

No, I went to watch St. Mirren, Clydebank and my boyhood favourites Dundee United and I must say I was fairly impressed by the standard. Sometimes on a Saturday you are so caught up in the game you cannot view it objectively. You are too involved in getting a result to appreciate what the other teams are doing.

But I enjoyed what I saw and I would say our game is in a fairly healthy state. The pressure is always on and, in fact, it took us four games before we scored our opening League goal of the season.

It came from Derek Parlane in our match against Celtic at Parkhead, but it didn't do us much good as we lost 3-1.

Our first four League games are



Rangers' Tommy McLean (number 7) is about to shoot for goal during a 0-0 draw with Partick Thistle.

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Johnstone with Scotland fanatic Rod Stewart.

more than to sit back and relax with some of his music.

Paul McCartney and Wings are very talented, too. It was a shame when the Beatles broke up. Thankfully, their music still lives on.

Of the many English players I admire I rate Colin Bell, the Manchester City midfielder who has been so unlucky with injuries, as one of the best.

Before his injury Colin was a tireless worker and I liked his combination of talents. He gave 100 per cent effort, was always available to receive and lay off passes and some of his shooting was special.

Those, then, are just some of the people and things I enjoy when I am not playing myself. When I do play, hopefully, I bring enjoyment to others!

'I Hate Watching Rangers'

not ones that will stick out in my mind. We lost the first one 1-0 to St. Mirren and then had two successive goal-less draws against Hibs and Partick Thistle.

We had a lot of the play against Celtic, particularly after half-time, but we could not turn that pressure into goals. We even missed a penalty when Peter Latchford saved Alex Miller's effort.

You just cannot expect to pick up points when you miss penalties. It

was nice to read, though, in a Sunday paper that former England manager Sir Alf Ramsey reckons we are the best Scottish team he has seen this season.

It would be even nicer if we started putting the ball away with the regularity expected of Rangers.

Well, I seem to have wandered slightly off the track. Another thing I enjoy when I'm not playing is listening to good music and among my favourites is Scotland's number

one fan Rod Stewart.

Rod was out in Argentina, of course, but he left early. I'm told it had nothing to do with our soccer, but a mad incident in a restaurant when he was almost hit by a bullet!

Gets into some scrapes, does our Rod! I think he is a superb entertainer, though, and a very energetic performer.

Elton John, another soccer fan as well as being chairman of Watford, is easy to listen to. I like nothing

Derek Johnstone

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**

OUR TOP 11 FROM

EVERYONE it seems wants to be a manager. The thrill of selecting a side and pitting one's wits against someone else is a compelling one.

There are many pitfalls in the job, but this does not appear to deter volunteers from taking over a place in the dug-out.

This week SHOOT moves into the hot-seat to select their team from Scotland's Premier Division. We had a good look at all the players and weighed up their abilities.

You may not agree with our final selection, but you must admit it could be a very attractive team to watch.

In goal we go for Celtic's dependable Peter Latchford. We realise fans of Alan Rough and Bobby Clark may be upset, but we firmly believe the burly English-

gow on a more permanent basis.

It's doubtful now if manager Billy McNeill would consider selling Latchford for even four or five times that amount.

The measure of Latchford's popularity can be gauged by the fact he was voted Celtic's Player of the Year last season. Cries of "Latchford for England" can be heard at Scottish grounds every Saturday when the big 'keeper goes into action.

Now who do we play at right-back? We considered Rangers' stylish Sandy Jardine and Aberdeen's speedy Stuart Kennedy, but our casting vote was for Danny McGrain, a genuine world-class player when he is fully fit.

McGrain will make his first team comeback this season after ten months in the wilderness. The full-back has displayed remarkable



PETER LATCHFORD (CELTIC)

man is the top goalkeeper in Scotland at the moment.

Latchford had a dreadful start to his Celtic career three years ago when he first arrived on loan from West Brom. He made several glaring mistakes in his opening games and it looked as though Celtic would have to look elsewhere for a worthy successor to Ronnie Simpson, the amazing veteran who became such a firm favourite with the Parkhead faithfuls.

Goalkeepers such as John Fallon, Gordon Marshall, Evan Williams and Denis Connaghan had been tried, but with little success. It seemed the jinx had also hit Latchford but the 'keeper, who won two England Under-23 caps under Don Revie's managership, answered his critics with a startling return to form.

He won a Scottish Cup medal at the end of the season when Celtic beat Airdrie 3-1 and during the mid-term the Parkhead side paid out £35,000 to take him to Glas-

cow and incredible tenacity in getting over a very serious ankle injury. Our team could not be complete without such inspiration.

Our choice for the partnership in the middle of the defence will come as no surprise to Dundee United fans. We are going for the very dependable Paul Hegarty and David Narey, two very solid players and two defenders no forward can look forward to facing.

Hegarty is immaculate in the air and is also very swift on the ground. He was a forward when United bought him from Hamilton for £40,000 five seasons ago and his goal-touch has not deserted him. He likes to add his weight to attack whenever he can and already he has scored some valuable goals this season.

In contrast his defensive partner Narey hardly ever crosses the half-way line. Narey is quiet and efficient in his vital role in the middle of the defence and he rarely makes a mistake.



DANNY McGRAIN (CELTIC)

Manager Jim McLean is reported to have turned down a £500,000 bid for his two players recently and when you see them in action it's easy to understand why he wants these players to remain at Tannadice.

Another player who goes about his job with the minimum of fuss is Motherwell's resolute skipper Joe Wark, the man who gets our number three shirt.

Wark has been one of the most consistent defenders in Scotland over the past seven years, but he hardly ever gets the recognition his play deserves.

Moving into midfield we have come up with a talented trio which could fit into any line-up. On the right-hand side we thought about Rangers' starlet Bobby Russell and Dundee United's Graeme Payne, but in the end we decided to go for Aberdeen's John McMaster, a



PAUL HEGARTY (DUNDEE UNITED)

selection which will probably surprise most critics.

McMaster is naturally left-footed, but this just adds a new dimension to his play in the Aberdeen engine room. He was an orthodox outside-left when Billy McNeill took over as Aberdeen boss last year, but the manager soon realised the exciting potential of the player in a midfield role.

The young fair-haired player is now enjoying his role and a feature of his play is his spectacular long-range shooting.

Rangers' rugged Tom Forsyth has been playing in the sweeper's role for club and country over the recent years, but we believe his ball-winning ability in the middle of the park would suit our side.

Forsyth very rarely gets the praise his ability deserves. People mention him purely as a clogger, but the former Motherwell player



DAVID NAREY (DUNDEE UNITED)



JOE WARK (MOTHERWELL)

SCOTLAND'S TOP TEN



JOHN McMASTER (ABERDEEN)



TOM FORSYTH (RANGERS)



ROY AITKEN (CELTIC)

isn't just a hard man.

Certainly he will not shirk out of a 50-50 tackle, but on the other hand, once he has won the ball he can play it about with good range and vision.

Completing our midfield three we go for another no-nonsense, one hundred per cent competitor — Roy Aitken, the Celtic powerhouse. We are convinced this young lad will make a big name for himself in the coming seasons and there seems no doubt Aitken will become captain of Celtic at some point in the future.

Aitken was discovered four years ago when former boss Jock Stein went to watch a Celtic Boys' Club Under-15 team. Aitken played that day and Stein was so impressed he predicted a first team spot for the player at Parkhead within three years.

Roy, in fact, was two years ahead of Stein and went into the top team as a 16-year-old. He has played throughout with commendable authority and he will certainly be a player other managers will cast envious eyes over in the coming seasons. That's good enough for us!

On form our attacking trio could be a devastating formation. First to get a place was Derek Johnstone, who has now returned to the striker's position after his short spell in defence.

Johnstone, so powerful in the air and so alert on the ground, scored 39 goals last season for Rangers and two in two international appearances for Scotland and there seems no end to his penalty-box ability.

Playing on his left hand side we nominate his former Rangers' team-mate Alfie Conn, now, of course, terrorising defences in the famous green-and-white of Celtic.

Conn, who cost the club £65,000 when he signed from Spurs two seasons ago, has come roaring back to his best form this term and has scored some amazing goals.

He has now taken over the mantle that was left by Kenny Dalglish when he moved to Liverpool last year. Celtic found it difficult to get a player with the confidence and ability of accepting such a task, but Conn, after a disastrous season with injuries has come good now.

Completing our front three we go to Pittodrie for the one and only Joe Harper, the Mr Goals of Scottish football.

Harper has now scored more goals in the history of Aberdeen than any other player and at his present rate he will build up an unbeatable tally.

So there you are — that's our team of the cream of Scottish League soccer. We'll run through it just once more. It is (in 4-3-3): Latchford (Celtic), McGrain (Celtic), Hegarty (Dundee United), Narey (Dundee United), Wark (Motherwell), McMaster (Aberdeen), Forsyth (Rangers), Aitken (Celtic), Harper (Aberdeen), Johnstone (Rangers) and Conn (Celtic).



Left ... JOE HARPER (ABERDEEN). Below ... DEREK JOHNSTONE (RANGERS). Bottom ... ALFIE CONN (CELTIC)



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

1. Duncan McKenzie was recently signed by Chelsea for an estimated £165,000. Duncan has played for four League clubs, including one spell on loan. Can you name them?

2. "Peter Shilton (below, right), joined Nottingham Forest from Leicester City at the start of last season. He previously played for Stoke City." Anything wrong with this statement?



3. On Saturday, September 9th, the following players each scored two goals in either the Football League or Scottish League. Can you name their clubs? (a) Roger Palmer, (b) Brian Hornsby, (c) Joe Harper, (d) Doug Somner.

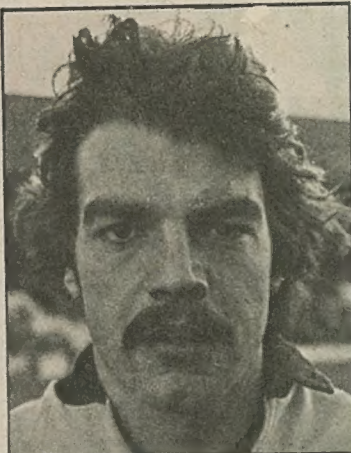
4. Alan Cork has been scoring regularly for which Fourth Division club this season?

5. The first of this season's Old Firm Premier Division clashes between Rangers and Celtic was played recently. (a) Name the venue, (b) what was the final result and (c) who missed a penalty for Rangers?

6. Leighton James returned to his first club Burnley in September. The former Derby County and Queens Park Rangers winger cost the Turf Moor side an estimated £115,000, £135,000 or £165,000?

7. After the games played on Saturday, September 16th, which clubs were bottom of (a) First, (b) Second, (c) Third, (d) Fourth and (e) Scottish Premier Divisions?

8. Much-travelled Bobby Gould was on the move again recently when he left Bristol Rovers and joined Hull City, Halifax Town or Hereford United for around £20,000?



9. The players listed were sent-off during September. For which clubs were they playing? (a) Sam Allardyce (above), (b) Hugh Curran, (c) Gerry Keenan and (d) Brian Williams.

10. Identify the two players (below) by the following clues. (a) The one on the right began his career in London with Spurs before moving to the Midlands. (b) An England international who has had many ups-and-downs but is playing exceptionally well this season.



EUROPEAN CUPS

The first-legs of the three European Cup competitions were played recently. See if you can answer the questions relating to the games.

11. The big clash of the night was the European Cup game between Nottingham Forest and Liverpool at the City Ground. The League Champions won 2-0 ... who scored their goals?

12. One of the best results was achieved by Glasgow Rangers when they travelled to Italy and only lost 1-0, 2-1 or 3-2?

13. Which Wrexham defender was sent-off during their 3-0 Cup-Winners' Cup defeat by Rijeka?

14. In the U.E.F.A. Cup, Arsenal built a commanding 3-0 lead against Lokomotiv Leipzig. Were the visitors from East or West Germany?

15. West Brom beat Galatasaray of Turkey 3-1 in the U.E.F.A. Cup. What was the half-time score?

ANSWERS:

1. Nottingham Forest, Mansfield (on loan), Leeds United and Everton. 2. Shilton joined Forest from Stoke. He began his career with Leicester. 3. (a) Manchester City, (b) Sheffield Wednesday, (c) Aberdeen, (d) Parkhead, 4. Wimbledon. 5. (a) Parkhead, home of Celtic, (b) 3-1 to Celtic, (c) Alex Miller. 6. £165,000. 7. (a) Birmingham, (b) Cardiff City, (c) Coventry, (d) Q.P.R. 8. (a) Middlesbrough, (b) Rochdale, (c) Motherwell, 9. (a) Bolton, (b) Oxford, (c) Bury, (d) Swindon. 10. (a) Bury, (b) Swindon. 11. Gary Birtles and Bowles of Q.P.R. 12. 1-0. 13. John Roberts. 14. East. 15. 1-0 to West Brom.

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Bruce Rioch Is Fighting Back

BRUCE Rioch, Derby County's Scottish international midfield schemer, believes he is about to emerge from the most disappointing and painful 12 months of his colourful football career.

Few players can have reached such heights only to be plunged to such depths in so short a space of time as Rioch.

Just a year ago he was a key player in Everton's illustrious set-up, skipper of his country and on the threshold of what promised to be Scotland's greatest World Cup campaign.

Now Bruce has just recovered from a double abdominal operation which cost him part of his gut and all of his appendix, training to regain the stone in weight he lost during illness and anxious to shake off the sadness he feels after Scotland's disappointing results in Argentina.

Rioch explained: "It is difficult to assess the past year, but the fact I now feel contented for the first time in ages probably best sums it up.

"To begin with I left Derby to join Everton and moved house. But my family could not settle on Merseyside and I came back to Derby. So we moved house again.

"Then my form took a nose-dive. I just do not know why. Niggling injuries did not help, but when Scotland qualified for the World

Cup Finals I believed everything would come right for me.

"There is no point in recounting Argentina all over again. Suffice to say I felt rotten when I came home. All our dreams in ruins. Add to this the fact Tommy Docherty and I had a few disagreements before the end of last season and there was definite talk of my being transferred.

"But I am a professional footballer. My living and that of my family depends on how I perform on the pitch. So I threw myself into recapturing my form, settling down and proving I have a hell of a lot to offer to the team."

Rioch did just that. In fact Docherty was full of praise for the way Rioch played during Derby's summer tour of Greece. But when they moved on to play in a Spanish tournament, everything turned sour again.

Said Rioch: "David Nish and I felt ill before the second game of the tournament, and in fact David went off. I scored a couple of goals but felt awful and had to join him on the sidelines. Then I got worse and by the time the doctor had arrived I was obviously destined for the operating theatre.

"They diagnosed a contagious disease caused through food poisoning and removed part of the infected gut. Unfortunately the infection had already spread and



Bruce Rioch skippered Scotland in the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina.



Rioch in action for Derby against Arsenal.

my appendix flared and had to be removed also.

"It all sounds rather gory but it was not as bad as all that. But I did lose 14 pounds in weight, and because of the special diet prescribed, I was unable to put back that weight as quickly as I would have liked.

"When I was allowed up and back in light training, Frank Blunstone was marvellous. He was very understanding, never pushed me and encouraged me to take things slowly and carefully. That is why I am now close to regaining match fitness.

"Felt great"

"I played my first game in a 4-2 win at Newcastle for the reserves ... and it felt great.

"Personally I want to forget everything about last season. This is a new season, I have three years of my contract left to run, and unless The Doc decides to sell me, I want to stay at Derby.

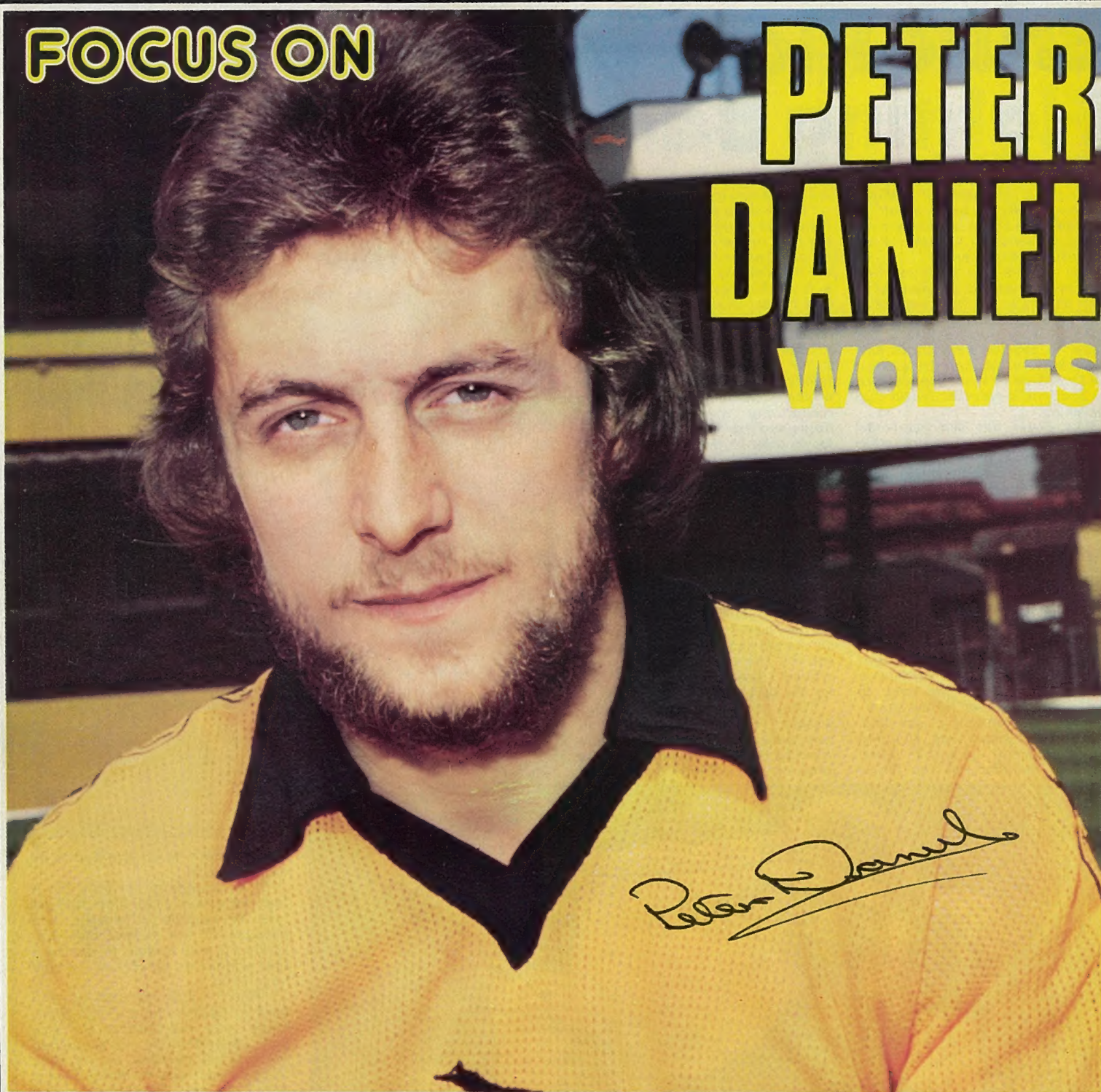
"It has been one long series of disappointments. But at last I feel settled and relaxed. I missed playing in the first team and accept I have to fight to keep my place back into the senior side. That is what I intend doing."

Bruce made a welcome return to League soccer v. West Bromwich on September 16th.

FOCUS ON

PETER DANIEL

WOLVES



FULL NAME: Peter William Daniel
BIRTHPLACE: Hull
BIRTHDATE: December 12th, 1955
HEIGHT: 5ft 8½ins
WEIGHT: 11st 2lbs
PREVIOUS CLUB: Hull City
MARRIED: Yes to Pam
CHILDREN: No
CAR: Ford Escort
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Eddie Blackburn of Hull City
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They're all difficult
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: First Under-21 game for England v. Scotland at Bramall Lane, Sheffield
BIGGEST THRILL: Signing for Wolves

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Having to turn down the chance of going on the England "B" tour this summer
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Norway
FAVOURITE FOOD: Home-made meat and potato pie
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Reading and listening to music
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Cigarette smoke and ignorant people
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Any sports programmes and Happy Days
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Pink Floyd, ELO and Black Sabbath
FAVOURITE ACTORS: Clint Eastwood, Charles Bronson, Yul Brynner
BEST FRIEND: I have many back in Hull
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:

John Kaye and Andy Davidson at Hull City
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Long coach journeys
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Seven Under-21 caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be a happy family man
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play in an F.A. Cup Final at Wembley and to gain a full England cap
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? I would have been a painter and decorator
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Prince Charles

SHOOT!